

COREY HITS BACK AT PIERCE

TO SACRIFICE CLEAVER TO KEEP BUREAU

Investigation to Conclude
Monday Evening—Di-
vided Report Expected
—Dry Agent Made Goat

The legislative investigation of the state prohibition department administered by George L. Cleaver during the past two years is rapidly drawing to a close, and sometime during the coming week the committee may be expected to report its findings and recommendations back to the two houses.

While there has been no direct intimation from the committee or any of its members there is a feeling prevalent among those who have been following the probe closely that the public hearing set for Monday evening in the senate chamber is designed principally to gather up the tag ends, and that about Tuesday night or Wednesday the probes will wind up their deliberations and set themselves to the task of framing their report, which promises to be a more or less difficult task.

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GIBBONS CLAIMS HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING TITLE

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Tommy Gibbons made definite claim to the world's heavyweight boxing title following his defeat of "Tiny Tim" Herman here last night.

Gibbons believes he is the man whose record entitles him to the crown Jack Dempsey has not defended for more than a year and which the champion is declaring he will relinquish next May. In defense of his claim, Gibbons proposes he is ready to meet any local contender for the title. He indicated Harry Willis was at the head of the list of men who might challenge his claim. He is ready to box Willis, he declared.

In making claim to the title, Gibbons also announced he was out of the light heavyweight ranks.

Gibbons' decision to eliminate himself from the lighter division came at the end of his training for the Herman bout. He reduced his weight by 15 pounds and "dried out" as much as possible. The result was 179 1/2 pounds.

"I was open to meet any of them in the past," Gibbons declared in making emphatic declaration that he was open to meet any logical heavyweight contender, "and I am open now to meet any men of the class who will get into the ring with me. Willis probably is in the lead for consideration for a match and I am ready to box him. Firpo and Jack Renault are other possibilities and I have been, and am, open to meet them."

SECOND STILL ON WINSLOW'S LAND

Walter C. Winslow, local attorney well known for his militant attitude toward all forms of intoxicating liquor and those who peddle it, has just been advised that a still has been discovered on land which he owns in Polk county, or at least immediately adjacent thereto.

Some time ago Winslow received a similar jolt when Sheriff Bower located a still on a piece of property owned by Winslow "not far from the Bower place on the asylum road." This still was found in an old abandoned cabin on the place, hidden in deep brush.

"Just why they pick on me I don't know," was the plaint of Winslow today. "There seems to be something salubrious in the atmosphere around my ranch holdings which the moonshiners like."

FIREWORKS OF SESSION BEGIN MONDAY

Bills For Reorganization
Of Boards and for Pri-
mary Modification on
Calendar Next Week.

Spectators in the legislative galleries will commence to have their inning during the coming week when the program in both of the houses calls for consideration of measures that should provide extended bursts of inspired oratory.

Monday will see the house in heated action, with house bill 251, extending state relief to wheat farmers whose crops have been frozen out, coming up under special order for consideration at 11 o'clock. No particular opposition to this measure is anticipated, as most of the members are agreed that some form of relief should be extended, but there is a serious question as to whether the sinking fund of the bonus commission should be so used. The question has been raised as to the feasibility of so using this fund, and there is also some question as to the constitutionality of such a diversion. The bill provides for first mortgage on the wheat crops for two years as security for the loans to be made but the law regulating the use of the bonus sinking fund specifies that these funds shall

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DUELL SEEKING TO FORCE HAND OF LILLIAN GISH

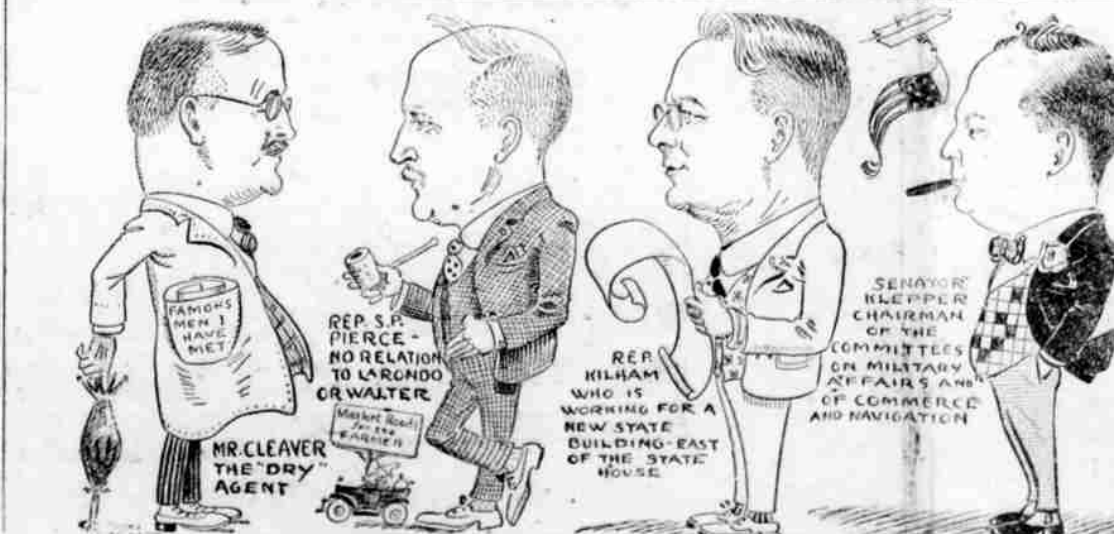
New York, Jan. 31.—Intimations that Charles H. Duell was engaged to Lillian Gish, screen star, whom he has sued to prevent from making motion pictures except under a contract with him, were discussed today in statements by attorneys.

"The wholly unwarranted presumption that Mr. Duell hopes to win the favor of Miss Gish's hand," said her attorney, "is some indication of the length to which the gentleman now is willing to go in order to coerce her into working for him. It would perhaps have been more fitting if he had sued her for breach of the promise rather than having adopted an indirect means of forcing her to work for him."

In a statement in behalf of Mr. Duell it was said he made the contract with Miss Gish because he regarded himself as engaged to her.

Mr. Duell, who is a member of an old Knickerbocker family and a relative of Elihu Root, was divorced by his wife in Paris and after the divorce there were reported reports that he and Miss Gish were engaged to marry. Mrs. Duell was formerly Miss Lillian Tucker of Pasadena, Cal. She was an actress.

GLIMPSSES OF LEGISLATORS BY MURRAY WADE



ker Bergdoll's Aid Surrenders



Eugene (Ike) Stecker, the chauffeur who helped Grover Cleveland Bergdoll notorious millionaire Philadelphia draft dodger, escape from a military guard at his mother's home in 1919, and who accompanied Bergdoll to Germany has returned to Philadelphia and surrendered himself. In default of \$10,000 bail he was sent to the Moyamensing prison.

FORBES GUILTY, SAYS JURY, OF LOOTING BUREAU

Chicago, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the United States veterans' bureau, and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government in contracts for soldiers' hospitals by a federal court jury here last night.

New trials were immediately requested and Judge George A. Carpenter set February 4 for hearing the plea. Sentence was reserved pending disposal of the motion. The maximum penalty is two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine or either.

The jury interrupted its consideration of a verdict at the end of four hours to ask the court concerning its right to consider overt acts committed beyond the jurisdiction of the trial court and was informed that the verdict must be confined to acts within the jurisdiction of the court. The principal overt act charged by the prosecution to have been committed in this division was the alleged payment of \$5000 cash to Forbes by Elish H. Mortimer, chief prosecution witness, in a hotel here June 20, 1922. Mortimer says he paid the money as Thompson's agent.

At that time, the government charged, there existed a conspiracy between Thompson, Forbes, Mortimer, James W. Black, deceased partner of Thompson and Charles F. Cramer, deceased, former general counsel of the veterans bureau to fraudulently award hospital contracts to Thompson and Black interests.

BRIDE LEAVES CHAPLIN: ASKS SETTLEMENT

Screen Comedian's Wife
Goes To Parents—Law-
yers Negotiating Finan-
cial Arrangement.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 31.—The home of Charles Spencer Chaplin, film comedian, likewise his studio, might just as well be peopled by the deaf and dumb so far as the possibility of getting a statement on the reported strained marital relations of the Chaplins is concerned.

Attorneys for the custard pie joke-maker's recently acquired girl bride, Lita Grey Chaplin, have announced that negotiations are under way for a "financial settlement" between the pair.

The comedian's money eventually may talk, but so far the comedian himself has refused to say one word.

A Japanese valet at the Chaplin home is loquacious enough in a phonographic way.

The suave Oriental answers the bell with a smile and a bow and the statement: "Everything all right, Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin getting long fine. No news today. Sorry."

He has made the same announcement possibly two hundred times in the past six weeks, and he is getting almost letter perfect in the role.

Meanwhile, attorneys who say they represent Mrs. Chaplin, declare that they have been consulting for ten days on the subject of a financial settlement. In these conferences, Edwin McMurray, San Francisco attorney and uncle of the bride, has taken a leading part. They assert that Mrs. Chaplin can add nothing at present to their announcements, and she, like her comedian husband, has isolated herself completely.

The fact that Mrs. Chaplin had joined members of her family in consulting attorneys became known, according to the Los Angeles Times, upon the arrival here of Edwin McMurray.

McMurray today is quoted by The Times as admitting that financial negotiations "are in progress" though declaring that "there is no connection between these negotiations and any contemplated action for separation or divorce."

MOONSHINERS BURNED HOUSE TO HIDE CRIME

Hebert Thomas and son Ray have confessed to H. H. Pomeroy, agent of State Fire Marshal Will Moore, and Sheriff Aschm of Tillamook county, and District Attorney Barick that they burned a four-room dwelling house near the mouth of Foley river, 30 miles from Tillamook, on the night of June 30, last.

The property was leased by Ed Vogt. The investigation leading to the confession was not completed until this week. Thomas and his son told how a basement had been excavated under the house in which a still was housed. The night of the fire the owners got a tip that the place was to be raided. They were away from home at the time, but hurried back, removed the still, scattered kerosene about the place and set fire to it. After the building had burned they emptied the barrels of mash that were in the basement, according to a statement from the fire marshal's office, rolled the barrels to the river and filled the hole with dirt. The confession also implicated Vogt and Ralph Thomas, another son of Hebert Thomas.

EXPECT ANTI-TOXIN TO REACH NOME TODAY

Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Leonard Sepella and his team of 20 dogs were expected to arrive at Nome, Alaska, today with anti-toxin for a diphtheria epidemic, had almost reached Bering sea when the latest report came here.

TAXES OF CITY FOR 1924 Highest in Salem's History SHOW \$14,023 INCREASE

Valuations, Levies and Taxes for Year 1924				
	Valuation	Levy	Tax 1924	Tax 1923
State	443,724,719	.0076	\$ 332,307.86	\$ 327,713.00
County	43,724,719	.0097	424,129.75	336,337.05
County, school and library	43,724,719	.0037	164,781.43	165,232.47
High school tuition fund	19,705,491	.0022	45,322.63	51,176.05
County road	30,290,934	.0046	139,334.43	139,137.10
Total state and county			\$1,082,876.11	\$1,009,595.67
Deficiency 1923 high school tuition fund	3,357,466	.0031	10,407.51	
Union high school No. 1	1,772,465	.004	7,092.86	6,775.89
Union high school No. 2	1,463,086	.0049	7,120.11	5,374.58
Special school			356,985.41	296,780.21
Special road			28,269.63	44,309.89
Special city			272,884.85	245,104.15
Miller drainage district No. 1			686.70	686.70
Forest patrol			1,507.67	1,509.53
Total tax roll			\$1,817,795.14	\$1,610,127.62

The total tax roll for Marion county for 1924 is \$1,817,795.14, as compared to \$1,610,127.62, or an increase of \$207,667.52, according to the roll as completed by County Assessor Oscar Steelhammer.

Incidentally the complete statement shows that Salem's city taxes to be paid in 1925 will be the largest in her history with a levy of 59.5 mills as compared to 45.3 mills last year. The total tax to be paid by Salem people this year for city purposes will be \$212,267.06, as compared to \$198,242.20 paid last year, an increase of \$14,023.86. The increase is due

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DOCHESSE SERUM PROVES CURE FOR SCARLET FEVER

Chicago, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Successful results even with severe and complicated cases of scarlet fever are indicated in a dispatch from Hartford, Conn. Thursday night have been obtained by the use of the Dochese serum, the American Medical association announced today.

The results, as found by Dr. Francis G. Blake of New Haven, Conn., must be checked up, however, according to Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical association.

The serum used was that of Dr. Alphonse R. Dochese, a well known medical investigator in New York city, formerly of the staff of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research, who isolated the specific scarlet fever organism a year and a half ago. Dr. Dochese was born in San Francisco.

Presumably a strong serum was used in the cases reported, according to Dr. Fishbein whose records showed that while the general death rate among children afflicted with scarlet fever is from six to eight per cent, in the complicated cases the death rate is as high as 18 per cent, while the cases observed by Dr. Blake there was only one death in a total of 28 cases with complications and that death occurred among the 19 patients who were not treated until after the fourth day.

KILLS CHILDREN WHILE IN FIT OF RELIGIOUS FRENZY

Pottstown, Pa., Jan. 31.—While in a religious frenzy, police say, Walter Bingham, 30, a farmer of Coventry, ten miles from here, killed his ten month old daughter Anna and his five year old son, Walter Jr., today. Bingham's father, Christopher, 72, died of heart disease while battling with his son to save the children's lives.

The baby was strangled in her crib. The boy was killed by a beating administered with the handle of a carpet sweeper.

When state policemen arrived at the farm house they found Bingham seated in the parlor calmly reading a bible.

They surrounded him with drawn revolvers but he manifested no excitement.

"I know why you have come," the policemen said he told them. "I will go with you peacefully. I did right. A spirit told me to kill them and I did."

He repeated the statement that "a spirit told me to do it," half a dozen times during the ride to the county jail.

VOTE ON PORT BILL NO TEST BUT POINTED

Outlook For Other Bills
Still Doubtful With
Governor Holding Nine
of Needed 11 Votes.

By Harry N. Crain
Governor Pierce got little consolation out of the manner in which the legislature yesterday replied to the challenge he issued when he took it upon himself to announce his appointments to succeed the five retiring members of the Port of Portland commission four months in advance of the expiration of their terms of office.

Not did the governor's explanation of why he had taken the action, as stated by Senator Joseph, mitigate to any appreciable extent the chastisement that the actions handed out to the chief executive in casting their votes upon the proposal to remove the appointive power from the hands of the governor, vest it in the legislature, and reappoint the five members deposited by Governor Pierce.

In the house the battle lasted about two minutes, and just that

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FIVE KILLED IN CHICAGO BLAZE; TWO MISSING

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Five persons were killed, and two were missing in a fire today in a four story, 16 apartment building on the South Side. Four bodies were identified and one other was seen in the ruins by firemen who were hampered in rescue work by fallen debris and ice.

The known dead are:
Anthony Harde, 24, and Olive, 23, his wife, their 19 months old baby Doris, and Loretta Pryor, 16.
The missing: Mrs. Elizabeth Pryor, mother of Loretta, was missing.

The body of a woman was seen by rescuers on the third floor and it was thought that others might be uncovered when the wreckage and ice were penetrated.

Four injured persons were taken to hospitals and other slightly injured were sheltered by neighbors and in an adjoining hotel. Some occupants of the burning apartment were rescued by guests of the hotel who pushed boards into opposite windows and others jumped into the life nets of the firemen.

The two women were killed in jumping from the third story window, firemen said.

Whining Bandit is Back in Jail After Spell of Freedom

Once more the prodigal son has come home. But this time there is no fatted calf for him, nor father's arms to rush to—merely the clang of the iron doors at the county jail. Bert Foltz, known by his associates at the penitentiary as the "whining bandit" because of the peculiar whine in his tone, has once more come to the end of his way.

The moral of the whole thing is that Bert, after nearly 10 years working out a three year prison sentence, and out and in the penitentiary off and on, has accumulated during his progress only one hat and one overcoat, both of doubtful value. This was the extent of the spoils on his person when he arrived at the county jail from the city jail yesterday, after being apprehended for breaking into the Patgrounds store. He gathered in any loot at the store it was not evident when he was "frisked" at the county jail. The balance of his clothes, union suit and all, were charitably presented to him by the state when he left

GIVES LIST OF RATE CUTS BY COMMISSION

Corey Repeats Assertions
Made by Governor In
Special Message—Sub-
mits Statement.

H. H. Corey, of the public service commission, today issued a lengthy statement in refutation of statements against the commission made by Governor Pierce in his special message to the legislature Thursday. The governor said that "in not one single instance in 1924 was there a rate reduction of any kind made in the interest of the public by the public service commission of Oregon."

Corey's statement lists a number of cases which, he claims, show that Pierce was wrong. The statement also defends the commission's action in the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph rate case, and presents other arguments to refute the governor's message.

"I wish to call to the public's attention the following list of rate reductions made during that year," says Corey.

"Substantial reduction in telephone exchange rates in Albany, Heppner, Hermiston, Woodburn, Marshfield and North Bend, and 72 farmer lines, covering practically the entire state, and involving 5760 subscribers, which resulted in a saving of approximately \$56,000 annually.

"Reduced toll rates between Portland and Oswego.

"Ordered refunds on charge for telephone jacks, amounting to \$5000, as well as many other minor reductions in telephone rates.

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AUTO SHOW AT PORTLAND OPENS

Portland, Or., Jan. 31.—The sixteenth annual regional northwest automobile show opened here today, in a new building erected here recently and devoted to the automobile industry. The show will continue for eight days. A total of 240 automobiles and 46 trucks are on display and 30,000 square feet of display room are occupied by displays of accessories and products of the industry.

Today in children's day, with school children admitted free. The annual style show will be held next Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The interior of the building, which provides three times the space of any previous northwest show has been transformed by a corps of decorators in a replica of the Moorish Alhambra in Spain.

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