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FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 29 SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain tonight and Wednesday. Moderate temperature. Fresh southerly winds.
Local: Max. 58; min. 52; rain. .79; river, 17.5, rising; atmos. cloudy.

CLEAVER INDICTED FOR RAID

CHARGE MADE AGAINST WHITE BY GJEDSTED

Adjutant General Declared Guilty of Irregularities By Assistant In Letter To Governor.

Charges of irregularities in the conduct of affairs of the military department by Adjutant General George A. White are made in a letter sent to Governor Pierce by Major Charles E. Gjedsted, who yesterday resigned suddenly as White's first assistant in department after four years of service. In addition the retiring major declares in a formal letter of resignation to White himself that the word of White is "to put it very mildly, unreliable," and that in the military department under White "subservience is required in preference to service." Major Gjedsted also issued a formal letter to all officers of the national guard in explanation of his move in severing his connection with the guard.

Governor Pierce said today he would ask Gjedsted for his statement. Gjedsted gives no specific explanations of his allegations, merely stating to the governor that he awaits his command to lay before him the charges of irregularities he mentions in his letter, and that he is writing him "in that I can feel free to bring to your attention certain irregularities committed by the adjutant general in his administration of the department." "Specifications covering the irregularities referred to will be submitted to you in due course or at your command, for such action as you may deem proper," continues Major Gjedsted in his letter to the executive.

HOUSE PASSES MINOR MEASURES

House bill 128, designed to permit moving of road machinery over the highways of the state where such equipment has a total weight of not more than 22,000 pounds on its points of rest was passed. House bill 178, providing for making a tax levy of 1-20 of a mill in Yamhill county to provide a bounty fund for the eradication of silver gray squirrels, was passed. House bill designed to make possible a levy of 1-20 of a mill in Multnomah county for support of the county fair was passed. A game reservation would be created in and around Carlton lake in Yamhill county under house bill 237, passed. The state board of forestry would be empowered to sell timber in such quantities as it desired under house bill 248 passed. Money derived would go to the irremediable school fund. House bill 266, cutting down the boundary limits of the game refuge along the upper Columbia river, was passed. A house bill going away with the requirement of separate approval by county commissioners and county judge in the sale of property owned by wards was passed by the senate today. A senate bill providing that all Indian war veterans, regardless of whether they are veterans of Oregon Indian wars, shall be exempt from taxation up to \$1,000 valuation, was passed by the senate today.

PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT OFFER OF FORD'S HELP

Washington, Feb. 3.—The recent offer made by Henry Ford to the government of his research facilities and experts in solution of the Muscle Shoals problem is considered by President Coolidge as a proffer that the government might desire to accept. The president foresees that if the Underwood private leasing Muscle Shoals bill finally is approved by congress the executive departments of the government may need expert aid in carrying out the provisions of the measure.

LAURENCE MOVE FOR REPEALING VOLSTEAD ACT

Nineteen Democratic Members of Congress From New York Pledge Support Against Law.

New York, Feb. 3.—Nineteen democratic members of congress from New York have pledged their support to an organization formed last night to seek repeal of the Volstead act. More than 1000 men and women attended the dinner at which the organization was formed. Resolutions of affiliation of the organization with the association against the prohibition amendment were unanimously adopted.

In addition to the congressmen who expressed their support of the organization's purpose, United States Senator Jas. W. Wadsworth, of this state, sent to the organizers a letter in which he said: "Judging from your description of the purpose of the dinner, I think I can say I am in general sympathy with them."

Leaders of the organization plan to begin without delay the forming of units in every congressional district in the country.

NINE MEASURES GIVEN PRIORITY AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 3.—Faced by a jam of legislation in the single month remaining of the present congress, the republican steering committee of the senate had selected a priority list of nine measures to be pressed for action in that body before adjournment March four. Heading the list is the German commercial treaty, which the foreign relations committee was called to take up today with a view to a prompt report to the senate. Second in line is the McLean bill authorizing the treasury to reduce the interest rate on government loans to railroads. Omission from the list of the farm relief measures recommended by the president's agricultural commission was explained by leaders as due to the fact that they are still in a formative stage. Conspicuous among other omissions from the list were proposals for American adherence to the world court and the Campion bill to establish a separate prohibition enforcement bureau. Other measures on the steering committee's program include the civil service retirement bill, the McFadden banking bill and the government department reorganization plan. In addition to the committee's program, there is now pending in the senate the \$75,000,000 good roads bill and the telegraph lines treaty. There appears little chance of action on the treaty at this session.

7 Year Old Girl Admits Poisoning Twin Sisters Feeding Ground Glass

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—Police today were checking a confession they say was made to them last night by 7-year-old Elsa Thompson, precocious grammar school pupil, to the effect that two years ago in Daupin, Manitoba, she killed her twin sisters by putting ground glass in their food. Her alleged confession also included an admission that a woman had fallen victim to her infantile skill at mixing deadly poisons, and that since coming to Los Angeles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson, she has attempted the lives of still other children and adults. She was brought to the attention of authorities here yesterday when Mrs. Inez Frantz, with whom her parents had placed her to board, complained that the girl had mixed acid paste with sulphuric acid taken from a radio battery and had attempted to feed it to members of the family. Questioned by a police matron the child is alleged to have admitted the poisoning attempt with an "I guess I did it because I was so mean." And the more she was questioned the more attempted and successful poisonings she remembered, with the result that an investigation is under way and police, while hardly convinced that Elsa is telling the truth, admit they are puzzled.

Prisoner of Cave In Erect Posture Nears a Collapse

Cave City, Kan., Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Floyd Collins, who is not lying in a living tomb, but is standing nearly erect, much like a person in a dentist's chair, one of the rescuers revealed today. The huge sandstone block which slipped and pinned one foot fell just as Collins was attempting to straighten himself for a squeeze through an eight inch passage ahead. Rescuers today had carried away small pieces of stone and handfuls of mud until a passage had been cleared beside Collins as far back as his knees. The debris was removed piece by piece through 150 feet of the cave tunnel where men crawled nine tenths of the way. The cave itself has been described as more of a sink hole than a cavern.

Rain and dripping water draining incessantly from the mouth make a 10-foot drop before striking the underground channel which zig-zags through jagged rocks at a decidedly downward angle. Mud and water constitute the floor of the tunnel. A telegram from Charles E. Feller of New York was delivered 150 feet underground to him last night: "I am praying for you, old timer, I'm betting your grit will pull you through." It read. The prisoner said he was glad to get it and asked that his brothers send him "a gallon of milk and some stewed onions." That was last night. Today the strain of nearly 100 hours of torture showed its effect. Collins begged his rescuers not to leave him alone. Tiny pieces of rock, described as too small to inflict pain, fell upon him and brought groans from the captive. Physicians warned against further efforts to pull the cave explorer out by force—asserting that death from rupture probably would result. Although worn by pain, loneliness and danger, Collins could live in his chamber two more days, Dr. C. W. Richards of Glasgow believes. Dr. Richards visited him during the night.

PIERCE LOSES \$1800 EXPENSES FOR EXECUTIVE

The ways and means committee—if its recommendations are followed—may top off \$1800 of what Governor Pierce requests to run his office during the next two years, but that same committee figures that it is rather important that the legislative assembly receive the quota that it desires for paying salaries and expenses and things like that for senators. The governor, as far as the ways and means committee is concerned, has lost the \$1800. He put in for \$41,800, but the committee, after considering the item for some time, Monday voted to allow Pierce only \$40,000.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner's request for \$1,053,108 with which to conduct the state hospital during the next two years temporarily was passed up. The budget commission, however, has suggested that he be allowed \$854,525. Secretary of State Koser was allowed the \$95,650 which he asked for. Before any action is taken on the quota asked by T. B. Kay, state treasurer, the committee wishes to hear in person. He asked for \$52,630.

WATER LOGGED SHIP ADRIFT OFF COLUMBIA

Portland, Or., Feb. 3.—The water-logged steam schooner Cabela, which has been adrift off the mouth of the Columbia river, with a crew was still outside the Columbia river bar at 10 a. m. today, according to word from the naval radio station at North Head. The Merchants Exchange has previously announced receipt of a report that the Cabela had been brought into Astoria by the steamer Forest King. Advice from Astoria said the coast guard cutter Algonquin was preparing to go out this morning to assist in bringing in the Cabela.

SINCLAIR'S ATTORNEYS ATTACK INDICTMENT

Washington, Feb. 3.—Counsel for Harry F. Sinclair today attacked his indictment for contempt of the senate growing out of the navy at all lengths at a hearing before the district of Columbia court of appeals. They contended that the senate has no power to compel testimony or the production of documents when acting in its legislative capacity. The power of the senate to compel testimony, it was argued, is only in the course of the exercise of those judicial functions committed to the senate by the constitution, namely, to punish its own members for disorderly conduct or for failure to attend sessions, the decision of contested elections to the senate, the determination of the qualifications of its members and the trial of impeachment.

FISH BILL TO TEST POWER OF GOVERNOR

Measure Due In Senate Tomorrow Removing Appointment of Commission to Board.

The looked-for test of strength between the governor and the legislative forces that would strip him of at least a portion of his powers will break in the senate tomorrow when the bill placing appointment of the fish commissioners in the hands of the board of control is slated to come up for consideration and final passage. Whether there will be 11 votes in opposition, sufficient to sustain the executive veto that is certain to be meted out to the bill, is still an open question, although proponents of the measure are today confident they will poll the necessary 20 votes. This morning the bill came back from committee carrying an amendment that would divert 10 percent of the poundage fees on fish collected by the commission into the general fund, and the amendment was eagerly accepted.

WILLAMETTE AT HIGHEST POINT NOW STATIONARY

That the Willamette river has now reached the highest point it is likely to go during the present high water period is indicated by reports given out at 2:15 this afternoon by the government bureau. At that time the river at Albany registered 37.3, stationary. The observer at Jefferson reported a water level of 10.5, stationary. These reports indicate that both the Santiam and Willamette rivers have reached points as high as they may be expected to go without more heavy rains.

The Willamette river at Salem was 17.9 at 2:15, a rise of four tenths of a foot since early morning. The water here, reported as practically stationary, however, and the expectation expressed by Clarence Oliver, official government observer for Salem, was that the water would rise little if any above this afternoon's level. The recent floods completely submerged the highway at several points between Salem and Eugene, according to reports of motorists who made the trip within the past few days. One motorist reported water almost a foot deep at two places, eleven and ten miles north of Eugene. At other points the water had caused the pavement to become weakened, he stated. Between Albany and Corvallis the banks of the river had been worn away to such an extent that the river had approached within a few feet of the highway.

ELOPEMENT IS NIPPED IN BUD

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 3.—Tag-along plans of Roy Carver, 23, and Ada Gardner, 14, both of Roseburg, came to an abrupt end last night when the local officers took the couple into custody upon their arrival from Marshfield. The girl left home yesterday morning carrying her school books, but met the man a short distance from her home, according to a pre-arranged plan, the officers were told. They walked to a station four miles away, caught a train to Marshfield and then took the auto stage to Roseburg. The girl's parents discovered the elopement when informed that she had not gone to school and immediately telephoned Roseburg officers, who made the arrest. Because of the girl's age the man will probably be held on a serious charge. The girl's parents are expected to come for her tonight.

Connecticut Votes Against Child Labor Is Fourteenth State

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 3.—The Connecticut state senate today by a vote of 25 to 1 refused to ratify the proposed child labor amendment to the federal constitution. The amendment was immediately transmitted to the house under suspension of the rules.

STATE PRINTER WOULD BE GIVEN PAY SET BY BOARD

The state printing board would be authorized to fix the salary of the state printer as it saw fit under house bill 314, introduced by Kilham, Multnomah county. The printer's salary is now \$2400 a year. Mutual fire insurance organizations incorporated in outside states would be allowed easier entrance to Oregon under house bill 305, introduced by Hall, Washington county. Hall's bill would repeal that section of Oregon law requiring a foreign mutual to produce a statement showing its assets to be not less than \$200,000 of which half the amount would be net surplus above all liabilities. The sections now existent also requires a certificate from the insurance commissioner of the state in which the mutual concern may be located to the effect that the asset statement is correct. Remission of tax penalties assessed against farmers of Oregon would be provided under house bill 321, introduced by Representative Carlin, Jackson county. Carlin points out that agricultural interests of the state have suffered handicaps due to depressions in agriculture. A contradiction set of phrases in the law pertaining to the issuance of highway bonds by the state highway commission would be eliminated under a bill introduced in the house by Representative Ford of Grant and Harney counties, and Senator Hall of Coos and Curry counties. The changes would clear up any obscured meanings in the law of 1921 authorizing the highway commission to issue bonds up to the constitutional limit.

ORDER PROBE OF ELECTRIC TRUST

Washington, Feb. 3.—The federal trade commission would be directed to investigate the extent to which the General Electric company controls the electric power industry, under a resolution reported today by the senate interstate commerce committee. The resolution comprises a modification of one introduced by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska. Under it the treasury department would be directed to give the commission access to whatever reports and records are deemed pertinent to the inquiry.

Parole Officer Bill

A companion bill to be the one placing the penitentiary under a board of control instead of the governor will be introduced in the house this afternoon. The bill will give the power of appointing the state parole officer to the board of control.

To Cut Licenses of Truck and Bus Lines From Proposed Rates

Rates proposed in the Swan-Galloway bill to license truck and bus lines would be cut about 600 percent in a substitute bill presented by the house roads and highways committee last night by W. B. Dennis, chairman of the governor's special committee, which worked out a series of road bills, introduced early in the session. The roads and highways committee took Dennis' proposal under consideration. However, even if the committee embraces the Dennis idea, it will likely raise the rates proposed. Dennis' new measure would place a fee of 1/4 of a mill per ton capacity of trucks multiplied by the number of miles traveled.

MERGER OF STATE BOARDS POSTPONED

Governor's Committee On Consolidation Asks For Appointment of Investigating Board.

The special consolidation committee appointed by Governor Pierce several months ago to study that question and submit a report to the present legislature, today sent in its report. It recommends passage of a bill providing for a special board to go further into the study than the present committee has had time to do. It calls attention to the present situation, which it claims is inefficient. The members of the committee are Senator F. J. Toose, chairman; J. F. Newell of Portland, secretary; Senator Fred Plet, Senator W. H. Strayer, A. K. McMahan of Albany, L. A. Andrus of Portland and Robert L. Sabin Jr., of Portland. House joint resolution No. 3, by Woodward, calling for elimination of that clause in the state constitution that prohibits a merger of the state boards, was adopted by the house. It would repeal section 35 of article No. 1. House concurrent resolution No. 7, calling for appointment of a special committee to study the effect on health of persons using paint spray guns was tabled.

House bill 93, providing for hawking and peddling by disabled ex-service men without licenses, was indefinitely postponed. German introduced the measure. Following a sharp attack by Representative Woodward of Multnomah county and Graham of Washington county on house bill 196, by Herener of Douglas county, providing for a property tax qualification for school district voters, the author withdrew it. Woodward and Graham pointed out that the measure would hit people from voting on tax measures and bond measures even though they were buying property on contract and had in reality been owners for years.

FARM AID BILL TO BE DRAFTED

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house agricultural committee decided today to have drawn up a bill embodying the recommendations of President Coolidge's agricultural conference, to contain all suggestions excepting those relating to the tariff. This action was taken to give the committee a basis from which to proceed. Chairman Haugen announced he proposes to introduce a grain export bill similar to one introduced last week, in the senate, by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, and which contains many features of the old McNary-Haugen bill. The committee today took up the Capper-Williams bill, designed to further cooperative marketing, with Representative Williams, republican, Michigan, testifying.

Fair Boards in Session

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 3.—Representatives of county and district fairs in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia opened the annual meeting of the North Pacific Fair & Racing association here today. The fair officials will decide upon fair and racing dates, book attractions and discuss exhibition generally.

DRY LEADER FACES TRIAL IN U.S. COURT

Violation of Treaty Brings Indictment; Legislature Resumes Probe of Cleaver This Afternoon.

Portland, Or., Feb. 3.—George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, was indicted today by the federal grand jury here on two counts on charges growing out of Cleaver's raid on the British S. S. London Merchant in Portland harbor December 17, 1924. The first count charges unlawfully entering the vessel and the second charges unlawful seizure of a quantity of liquor on board the vessel. United States District Attorney Coke said the raid by the state dry officers on the vessel was a violation of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain. Cleaver was arrested by federal officers following the raid, out was released on \$1500 bond.

The senate and house will probably adjourn immediately upon convening this afternoon to give right of way to the prohibition department investigating committee. The committee met at noon and decided to make this request of President Moser and Speaker Burdick, so that the committee may complete its deliberation today. After hearing several witnesses and recalling Governor Pierce and W. J. Herwig for further questioning, the committee expects to be through with the exception of re-

CONVICT PATE AS MURDERER

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 3.—W. S. (Slim) Pate, co-plottor of the robbery of a local gambling house here last month which terminated in the murder of Oscar Erickson, was convicted of first degree murder today. The jury recommended life imprisonment. The verdict was returned to Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas shortly before 11 o'clock this morning, after 19 hours of deliberation.

John O'Shea, reputed driver of the auto which took the robbers to and from the scene of the crime, went on trial on the same charge this morning. Because of prejudice, of prospective jurors, great trouble is being experienced in procuring a jury. Pete Sullivan, alleged to have been the man who actually killed Erickson, will be the third and last of the men to face trial. John Taylor, confessed leader of the bandits, was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter and is being used as chief witness against the others.

DR. COOK LOSES FINAL APPEAL

New Orleans, La., Feb. 3.—The United States circuit court of appeals today affirmed the conviction of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Arctic explorer, who last year was found guilty at Fort Worth, Texas, for using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of oil stocks. Found guilty on 14 counts in schemes with oil developing schemes, Dr. Cook was sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment by the federal court of Texas and the case reached the higher tribunal when Cook's attorney took exception to the charges to the jury. Cook has already started his sentence in the Tarrant county jail at Fort Worth. Fair Boards in Session Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 3.—Representatives of county and district fairs in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia opened the annual meeting of the North Pacific Fair & Racing association here today. The fair officials will decide upon fair and racing dates, book attractions and discuss exhibition generally.