

WAGE WAR ON TOBACCO TAX

M'CORMICK FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

United States Senator and Republican Party Leader Dies At Hotel From Heart Disease.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois was found dead in his Hamilton hotel apartment here today under circumstances which led physicians to disagree as to the cause of death.

The doctor who made the first examination of the body issued a certificate giving internal hemorrhage as the cause of death, but the coroner later held that the senator had been a victim of heart disease.

The coroner's verdict was that death had resulted from myocardial and acute cardiac dilation. He declared that blood about the mouth came from a cut on the chin which he said probably had been reopened by a fall just before the senator suffered a heart attack.

Dr. Noble P. Barnes, who had made the preliminary examination had given the cause of death as gastric hemorrhage.

The shaving of the senator's chin apparently the result of a mishap while shaving, was plastered over with tape when his colleague last saw him alive at yesterday's senate session.

Both agreed that the death was due to natural causes, and that the senator had passed away almost without warning while he was alone in his apartment.

The body, clothed in pajamas, was found in bed. One hand

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BOARD OFFERED \$11,000 CASH FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

Present indications are that the Washington school, which has been out of use during the present school year, will be sold to Thomas E. Cole of Salem for the sum of \$11,000.

At the meeting of the school board last night bids on the building were opened and Mr. Cole's offer proved to be the only one received. Final action on the sale was deferred until Thursday noon.

Report brought to the meeting showed that the building is deteriorating rapidly. The roof has several large leaks. A number of the windows are broken; electric cords have been jerked from their sockets; the floor is nearly worn through in a number of places. Board members stated that to keep the building from deteriorating more rapidly than ever it would be necessary to open it for public use, and it could not be made fit to use without repairs amounting to upwards of \$10,000.

The site will not be necessary for future school buildings, members of the board stated, the congested districts being elsewhere.

"It would be hard to get pupils for six full grades in a school located there," said Superintendent Hug. The two portable school buildings now located on the Washington school property were included in the offer made by Mr. Cole.

"I think they just want to get a unanimous vote of the board," was the opinion expressed by Cole after the meeting. Curtis Cross, one member of the board, was absent last night because of illness.

"If they voted the proposition throughout without everybody being here a lot of people might object," said Cole. No opposition to the sale developed from any member of the board who was present.

Democrats Carry Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The democratic city administration here has been given renewed life as a result of the aldermanic contests, which returned 27 democrats in 26 councilmen elected yesterday. Included among candidates for 14 seats to be filled at a run off election April 7 are 13 more democrats, ten of them present council members.

U. S. FLAGSHIP AROUND OFF PHILIPPINES

S. S. Huron On Reef of Malampaga Sound, Island of Palewan, 200 Miles From Manila.

Manila, Feb. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The U. S. S. Huron, flagship of the American fleet in Asiatic waters, is aground off Malampaga sound, island of Palewan, 200 miles southeast of Manila, a radiogram received here today said.

Advices from the Huron said the craft was "resting easy," and probably would be pulled out of danger and re-floated by three heavy tugs which left Manila for the scene. The tugs will not reach the Huron until tomorrow, however.

The Huron left Manila yesterday en route to Java. The flagship probably will return to Manila as a result of the accident.

Admiral Thomas Washington, commander of the Asiatic fleet, left for Java about a week ago aboard the General Alava.

SPENCE GRILLED FOR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

C. E. Spence, state market agent, was the recipient of a sharp lashing for his political activities at the last election under house concurrent resolution No. 16, introduced this morning.

The resolution, introduced by Representatives Roberts, Miller and Mann, Senators Ritter and Cramer, who signed themselves "wheat raisers and republicans."

Pointing out that in the federal service it is a misdemeanor for a public servant under civil service to take part in political campaigns, the resolution declares that Spence should be censured by the state, although there is no law to touch him.

Spence is charged with expending his activities "in an effort to split the vote so as to defeat a candidate (Coolidge) who later was demonstrated to be not only the ideal candidate, but the idol of the republican and democratic form of government." The document also asks that the house and senate go on record to "unalterably and unequivocally oppose, uphold and condemn said market agent for the part played by him in said late campaign."

Further he is resolved, says the resolution, "that this legislature hereby goes on record as unalterably opposed to appointees of the state in the future, taking any ultra-active part in politics other than he would be permitted to take, were he under United States civil service."

FIND BOOZE ON NAVY TRANSPORT

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—A raiding party of marines boarded the navy transport Beaufort when she docked here last night from the West Indies and seized several hundred gallons of liquor. Some of the liquor, the raiders said, was taken from the staterooms of officers ranking in rank from pay clerks to lieutenants.

This raid was conducted under direction of Captain Wilbert Smith, assistant commandant of the naval base here. Orders for the action were issued by Rear Admiral Roger Welles, commandant of the fifth naval district.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Violations of the law as well as of navy regulations apparently are involved in the case of the navy transport Beaufort which transported liquor into Hampton Roads. It was pointed out here today.

It was said that those found guilty might be tried either by a federal court for violating prohibition laws or by court martial.

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SEN MEDILL MCCORMICK

MOVIE CENSOR BILL PUT TO SLEEP BY SENATE

The motion picture censorship bill sponsored by the house committee on health and public morals was killed in the senate today by indefinite postponement. The senate judiciary committee returned a divided report on the bill. A majority against it and minority for it. The bill was killed, however, in motion of Senator Banks that it be indefinitely postponed.

For indefinite postponement—Banks, Butler, Cramer, Clark, Davis, Dennis, Hall, Hare, Joseph, Klepper, Maglady, Miller, Ritter, Staples, Strayer, Upton, Moser.

Against—Beals, Brown, Corbett, Dunn, Eddy, Fisk, Garland, Johnson, Kinney, LaFollett, Taylor, Tooze, Zimmerman.

EMPIRE POLICY GOVERNS NATION

Washington, Feb. 25.—Lewis S. Gannett, associate editor of The Nation, in New York, charged before a senate committee today that without knowledge of the American people or the consent of congress the United States has been committed by bankers' loans and financial contracts to a "policy of empire that has brought 10 South American republics almost under complete domination of our government."

The committee has under consideration a resolution by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, that would prevent any American military intervention in South or Central American republics.

In six of these republics, Gannett, declared, United States troops are maintained. He submitted loan contracts which he said committed the United States to the policy to which he referred.

Clean Out Texas Prison

Austin, Texas, Feb. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The majority report of the joint prison investigating committee demanding by name "signatures of approximately 25 prison officials and employees was adopted today by the house, 92 to 12.

Kurds Kill Turks Having No Longer Armenian Victims

London, Feb. 25.—Details regarding the outbreak in Kurdistan, reported from Constantinople have thus far been insufficient to establish whether a serious revolt against Turkish rule is in progress or whether an official reported at Ankara, the trouble is merely local.

Sheik Said, leader of an important Dervish organization with ramifications in Persia, Khiva and Bhorak is named as the head of the uprising, which is reported from Constantinople to have among its aims the establishment of an independent Kurdistan and the restoration of the caliphate. Sheik Said is said to have issued a proclamation declaring his intention of making one of the late, Southern Abdul Hamid's sons king of Kurdistan.

MARKETING BILL SECURES RIGHT OF WAY

Preferred Status On Priority List For Capper-Haugen Bill—Measure Before House.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Under a re-arrangement of the senate legislative program for the remaining week of the session legislation embodying the principal recommendation of the president's agricultural conference—the Capper-Haugen co-operative marketing bill—has been given preferred status on a priority list of less than a dozen measures.

Decision to place the co-operative bill behind the general omnibus pension measure, which had right of way after disposal of the pending banking legislation, was reached yesterday by the republican steering committee. The action was taken after Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, characterized the Capper-Haugen bill as a "make-shift" and again demanded an extra session of congress to consider a program of farm aid.

The farm bill was placed on the list where action on the legislation by the house could be awaited, leaders explained, with the idea of expediting final action by substituting the house measure for that pending in the senate.

The Haugen bill was again before the house today for action under a special rule adopted last week.

When the rivers and harbors authorization bill, fourth on the senate list, is taken up, proponents of the Cape Cod canal purchase bill and the Gooding long and short measure will attempt to use it as a vehicle for putting these bills through as riders.

NEW FRATERNITY FOR WILLAMETTE

Names were yesterday forwarded from Willamette university to headquarters of Beta Chi Alpha, national fraternity of college annual staffs, a chapter of which is being established at the local school. The chapter at Willamette is the only chapter in Oregon.

Schools who have chapters A number of rated schools belong to the fraternity, including the universities of Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, California, Southern California, Minnesota and others. Willamette students who are to become members include the following:

Clarence Oliver, Anne Silver, Joanna Henry, George Atkinson, Joe Nunn, Ruth Hewitt, Ruth Wechter, Genevieve Thompson, Richard Belges, Hollis Vick and Lloyd Warner. Professor Horace Williston is to be faculty member.

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Four Time Escape Caught Robbing Train Passengers

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—A man believed to be Richard Palmer, who escaped from San Quentin penitentiary in 1923, was arrested here today charged with robbing sleeping Pullman passengers on the Twentieth Century Limited. The prisoner said he was Harry A. Hillman of New York.

Richard Palmer, "high class burglar," is credited with four escapes, two from San Quentin and two from prison guards who were sent after him. The guard returned alone, Palmer having leaped from the speeding train somewhere in Iowa.

He was recaptured and returned to San Quentin, but on the night of February 23, 1923, with two other prisoners he escaped. He worked this escape through a clever ruse. A fourth conspirator disguised as a clergyman attempted to walk out of the prison gates. He had little hope of escape, but his attempt drew attention away from Palmer and the other two conspirators, and they scampered over the wall to freedom.

He was again recaptured in New York and once more a guard slipped off the chains and ironed somewhere in Wyoming and leaped from the speeding train to freedom.

BOOTLEGGERS SPEND SUMMER IN COUNTY JAIL

Four men were conducted to the county jail from justice court this morning, after Justice Brazier C. Small had imposed jail sentences ranging from three months to six months on charges of illegal sale of liquor.

Forrest Brown drew the highest number, six months in jail and \$200 fine. Mr. Brown will not be in strange surroundings when he enters the jail, for he has served several months there before this, according to the sheriff's record. Mr. Brown entered a plea of guilty.

J. H. Henderson came next in line, with a jail sentence of five months and a fine of \$200.

"Best part of the summer," murmured Henderson grimly, as the sentence was pronounced. He at first entered a plea of not guilty, but on demand of the district attorney for immediate trial, and a conference with his legal advisor, Mr. Henderson changed his plea to guilty and received sentence.

W. W. Downing ran against a jail sentence of three months and a fine of \$100, as a culmination of what he claims is his first offense with intoxicating liquor.

Frank Wewens, the junior member of the group, was given a jail sentence of two months, and escaped a fine in view of his youth and of the nature of the case.

SNOW AT KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 25.—After several days of sunshine, winter descended upon Klamath Falls at 10 o'clock this morning when a light snow began falling. Indications were that it would not be a heavy snowfall.

LAST MINUTE SCRAMBLE ON FOR ARMORIES

Gist of Bills For Military Structures Delay Adjourment—Which May Be Tomorrow.

It appeared this forenoon that adjournment of the legislature since die may be delayed by a gist of armory bills which their sponsors may attempt to railroad through the two houses.

All armory measures were disapproved by the ways and means committee. This morning the senate military affairs committee introduced a bill to appropriate \$20,000 for the state's share for an armory at Cottage Grove. Senator Maglady got the bill read a second time by suspension of it, rules and attempted to get it read a third time in the same manner and placed on final passage. This was blocked, however, and the bill tabled until afternoon.

While the bill was under discussion word came that another armory bill had passed the house. Inasmuch as half a dozen armory measures were before the ways and means committee a rush of the measures in the form of new bills is expected.

Senator Dennis, however, said no bill would be introduced for an armory at La Grande, although that city was given priority by the military affairs committee.

Grasping the famous psychological moment, Representative Graham of Washington county this morning succeeded in having house bill 31, providing for an armory appropriation for Forest Grove, taken from the table and passed.

The bill, along with several others seeking armory appropriations, had reposed on the table, apparently given up on account of the recommendation of the ways and means committee.

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HOUSE ADOPTS CONFERENCE BILL ON POSTAL PAY

Washington, Feb. 25.—The conference report on the postal pay and rate increase bill was adopted today by the house.

Senate concurrence is necessary before the measure can go to the president.

As revamped by the conferees, the bill is estimated to raise about \$60,000,000 in revenue annually to offset in part at outgo of \$80,000,000 increased salaries.

Representative Bell, democrat, Georgia, one of the house conferees, sought to have the proposal committee to conference with instructions to the house managers to reduce the two cent service charge to three cent postage to one cent. His motion was rejected, 55 to 25.

The house then adopted the conference report by the overwhelming vote of 270 to 8.

CIGARETTE LIMITATION ATTEMPTED

Senate Seeks To Cut Tax On Other Forms of Tobacco—Revenue Bills Hold Up Session.

(By Harry N. Crain) The legislature is mopping up today with the view in mind of bringing the thirty third biennial session to a close late tonight, or sometime tomorrow. They may succeed, and again, they may not. Probably not.

Enactment of the revenue producing bills is all that remains and, while that may appear on the surface to be a simple matter, cut and dried, after the performance of the house yesterday afternoon, the situation may easily resolve itself into another deadlock.

The senate is not nearly so docile as to the ukase of the governor regarding tax matters as the house has evidently become, and there is no assurance that the senators are going to accept without question the tobacco tax, or the bill to require all fee collecting boards and commissions to turn over to the general fund 10 per cent of their collections.

There is going to be a determined effort made in the senate to make the tobacco tax apply only to cigarettes, principally upon the ground that a 10 per cent tax on cigars would prove a nuisance and be hard to enforce, but also because estimates made after a close check of the cigarette business in the state reveal that a tax on these smokes alone would yield better than \$800,000 some claiming as high as \$1,300,000.

Figures compiled from the internal revenue reports indicate that a 10 per cent tax on cigarettes sold in Oregon would yield around \$600,000 annually, or

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HOUSE DEFEATS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL

The house this morning killed senate bill 227, by Senator Klepper calling for the holding of a constitutional convention. Representative C. H. of Jackson county, gave the principal argument for the measure, calling attention to many antiquated and obsolete provisions in the constitution and the need of other provisions not incorporated.

The house also voted down senate bill 142, by Senator Garland, appropriating money for Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, widow of the murdered sheriff of Linn county.

Senate bill 41, by Senator Upton, providing for establishment of a tuberculosis hospital in eastern Oregon and appropriation of \$100,000 to pay for same was passed.

The house also acted favorably on senate bill 225, by Senator Upton, amending the law pertaining to the registration of assistant pharmacists.

House bills passed during the morning session included: No. 343 exempting from the definition of "motor buses" for hire cars and taxis operating within the limits of a corporate city.

No. 352 taking buses and for-hire cars operated within the limits of a corporate city from under the control of the public service commission.

The house also adopted the majority favorable report on senate bill 172 strengthening the fire prevention code of the state.

JOSEPH'S RIDICULE KILLS AUTO RE-REGISTRATION

Senator Joseph ridiculed out of court last night Senator Johnson's bill providing for a re-registration of automobile operators every three years, increasing the fee and providing for a certificate as to character from some police officer or sheriff when applying for a license. Johnson said the measure would produce revenue amounting to about \$300,000 every three years.

Joseph's attack centered on the provision requiring a certificate of character. Discussion of this bill was the noisiest session the senate has yet had.

Red Cross Drive In Salem Collects \$2200 for Budget

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"This \$2200 is as much as we can reasonably expect," said Mr. Hicks this morning. Approximately a quarter of the sum will be sent to national headquarters, he indicated, the remainder being kept for Red Cross work in and near Salem.

Reports of the results of the drive in Marion and Polk counties are still incomplete, less than a quarter of the districts having reported, according to E. T. Barnes, who has charge of the drive in the two counties. Reports from Silverton indicate that over \$150 was raised there, he stated. Monmouth has raised approximately \$125. Jefferson has reported upwards of \$25. No reports are yet available from the remainder of the districts in the territory covered by the drive.

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