

SESSION TO BE ENDED TODAY

STATE PLACED IN REAL HOLE BY GOVERNOR

Legislature Assists In Creating Tax Tangle By Granting Demands Made By Pierce.

By Harry N. Crain
Between them Governor Pierce and the legislature have probably placed the state in a financial position for the coming two years that is decidedly discouraging in its outlook to those who have studied the situation closely.

On one hand the governor and former State Treasurer Myers, a majority members of the tax levying commission, deliberately levied a state property tax that is approximately \$1,500,000 short of the budget requirements for the coming biennium, with the intention of compelling the legislature to create new sources of revenue and thereby assisting the executive in making good on his pre-election promise of slashing property taxes in the state.

Then comes the legislature, intent upon reestablishing the tax basis subject to the 4 per cent increase limitation cut nearly in half by the action of the tax levying commission, but running up against the governor's ultimatum that if they attempt to levy a property tax to make up the deficit he will veto it.

Gov. Wins Out
The governor, backed up by his 13 friends in the senate won out, and the house finally consented to and did pass a bill assessing public utility corporations on their gross earnings, a second bill requiring all fee supported state bureaus and departments to remit

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TO STAY IN OHIO

Fugitive Members of Indiana Legislature Refuse To Return To Prevent Gerrymandering.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The blanket warrant for the arrest of democratic senators of the Indiana general assembly, who bolted the legislature yesterday and came here was served on all the members today.

Jerome Brown, mandated to take the lawmakers back to the state house at Indianapolis, said the men flatly refused to acknowledge the instrument. They challenged his authority, he added.

Mr. Brown said he was awaiting advice from Indianapolis and was uncertain as to his next plans. He declared, however, wherever the "anaways" went, he, too, would go.

Minority Leader Craven, offered to resign as a senator but told Mr. Brown that the senators would not follow him back to Indianapolis.

The senators are expected to leave for Columbus at once.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 26.—Absence of 18 democratic members from the senate stopped legislative machinery in the upper house of the Indiana general assembly today.

Two of the minority senators were unable to leave Indiana because of illness.

Republican senators met as usual today, but devoted their dis-

PROHIBITION FILLING JAIL

With advent of four bootleggers yesterday the population of the county jail has been swelled to a total of eighteen. This is contrary to predictions of those who said prohibition laws would clean out the jails, as 12 of the 18 are in for offenses against those statutes.

The other six are in for offenses such as robbing school houses, larceny by baillee and similar crimes not requiring the services of special agents.

Ousts Trotzky

M. Fuzze, long prominent in the affairs of the Soviet government, has been appointed president of the Revolutionary and Military Council of Russia, succeeding Leon Trotzky.



M. FUZZE, PRES.

SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS OFFER FOR BUILDING

Last minute action on the part of the Marion-Polk County Realtors' association was instrumental in preventing the sale of the Washington school property this noon.

The realtors, after brief discussion, went on record as recommending that the building be disposed of as possible, but that the site be retained.

A committee of three realtors appeared before the board with the resolution. Both the school board and the Realtors' association were meeting at the same time at the Marion hotel.

Official action was taken by the board rejecting the offer of Thomas Coles, who had entered a bid of \$11,000 for the property. The certified check which accompanied his bid has been returned to him.

It was indicated that further efforts will be made to dispose of the property. A number of men were said to have intended to bid, but failed to do so. Some did not know that it was to be for sale.

The Realtors' association has offered to submit plans showing how the property can be cut into lots if the board should decide to dispose of it in that way.

In the realtors' meeting a motion recommending simply that the property be retained was voted down. It was opposed on the ground that the realtors were not familiar with school conditions, and not in a position to determine whether or not the block is necessary for the site of a public school.

NAVAL HEAD PINS FAITH IN BATTLESHIPS

Admiral Jones Asserts Aircraft Bombs Effects Only Local—Sustains Navy Findings.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The house aircraft committee was called today to take up the threads of the aircraft investigation where they were dropped last Saturday when the hearings were brought to an abrupt close.

Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, head of the navy general board, was summoned for questioning today on the recent report of the special naval board, on the relative values of surface ships, submarines and aircraft.

Admiral Jones read to the committee the conclusions recently announced by the special naval board, which he said represent the mature judgment of the navy.

"If we were assured there would be no trouble for the next

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PIERCE VEToes OVERRIDDEN BY UPPER HOUSE

The senate today overrode the vetoes of Governor Pierce on senate bills 198 and 199. The former proposed to abolish the office of constable in Multnomah county and transfer the duties of the office to the sheriff.

The latter creates a new circuit judgeship in Multnomah county and names Municipal Judge W. A. Ekwall for the place. On the constable bill Banks, Carner, Taylor and Kinney, Maglady, Strayer, Taylor and Zimmerman voted to sustain the veto.

The fish code bill, H. B. 405, which was passed by the senate yesterday and then recalled for amendment, again passed today. It was amended to reduce the size of crabs from seven to six and one half inches.

NAVAL PLOT ALLEGED TO RUIN OFFICER

Annapolis Clique Accused By Wife of Lieutenant Railroaded To Asylum For Insane At Napa.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The United States district attorney here will represent the navy department next Monday when a writ of habeas corpus seeking the release of Lieutenant Frank E. Kennedy from the Napa hospital for the insane is argued before the superior court at Napa.

Lieutenant Kennedy was sent to the Napa hospital without a formal commitment—after he had been suspended by Lieutenant R. W. Christie, commander of the submarine S-17, who filed charges of officer-like conduct against him at Manila, naval records show.

Kennedy was not tried on the charges but sent to Napa from the Mare Island navy yard.

Four physicians who examined Kennedy assert that he is sane. Dr. James W. Brownell of Vallejo says Kennedy has been "hounded" by navy doctors at the behest of somebody who has an ax to grind.

Mrs. Autumn Margaret Kennedy, wife of Lieutenant Kennedy, started the proceedings for her husband's release. Mrs. Kennedy today described the plight of her husband as due to the enmity of the "Annapolis combination."

"I was received well enough," Mrs. Kennedy said. "Although I earned my own living by playing the violin I came from the concert stage and wasn't too awfully bad."

"What bothered me and finally

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Alaska's Head

George Alexander Parks, an engineer in the department of the interior and stationed in Alaska, has been named by President Coolidge to become governor of Alaska at the expiration of the term of Governor Scott Bone.



GEORGE A. PARKS

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JURY IS DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM CIRCUIT COURT

Sheriff Bower and County Clerk Boyer have drawn the jury list for the March term of circuit court in department No. 1, with 16 women on the panel and 15 men.

The list for the term follows: Minnie E. Gabrielson, Salem No. 2; Minnie C. Gearin, Champlin; Martha Glover, Sublimity; Susie Hanson, Aumsville; Henry W. Hall, East Woodburn; Frances Putnam, Turner; August Kebringer, Salem No. 2; John C. Jones, Macleay; John Bailey, Chemsaw; Eva M. Greenbaum, Salem No. 3; John Z. Painter, Chemsaw; Carrie L. Hammer, West Stayton; Mabel A. Benjamin, West Gervais; Carrie E. Bann, Salem No. 7; Hazel Davidson, St. Paul; Edith Libby, Marion; Antonie Van Handle, Sublimity; S. C. Kightlinger, Salem No. 18; William E. Dugy, Sidney; Margaret G. Miller, West Woodburn; Charles R. Archer, Salem No. 2; Clarence C. Jones, Victor Point; Hugh G. Eldridge, Waconda; Sam J. Klein, Monitor; Minnie B. Gouley, Brooks; Mary McDonald, St. Paul; D. A. Harris, East Salem; Helen Saucier, Mill City; Robert R. Boardman, Salem No. 6; Hazel M. Mahoney, Fairfield; Ed D. Smith, Jefferson.

PONZI! GUILTY OF SWINDLING

Boston, Mass., Feb. 26.—A verdict of guilty was returned in Suffolk county superior court today by a jury trying Charles Ponzi, former international postal return coupon financier, on charges of larceny from clients. Judge Sisk increased Ponzi's bail from \$2000 to \$10,000, and gave him until tomorrow to file a motion for arrest of judgment.

The jury found Ponzi guilty on 14 counts of the four indictments against him which covered an aggregate of \$5500. The complainants were persons who in 1920 invested in Ponzi's enterprise which guaranteed fabulous returns. Evidence at the trial showed that the financial "wizard" had taken in millions from investors.

PLOT TO KILL RICH COUPLE CONFESSED

Gunman Hired To Slay San Francisco Millionaire Substitutes Poison And Is Caught.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 26.—Richard M. Hotelling has requested through his counsel that he be permitted to go before the county grand jury on Monday night and answer charges that he conspired to murder his brother's wife, Mrs. Fred Hotelling.

The connection of Richard Hotelling to the other conspirators was indicated in a letter sent to Chief of Police O'Brien by Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, in which he said that Ralph P. King, one of the chiefs of the murder conspiracy was "associated with Richard Hotelling."

"During the latter part of October, 1923, the said Ralph P. King was approached by Richard Hotelling about the murder, and several persons were brought into the conspiracy and the sum of \$3500 was passed in the case.

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SENATE DEBATES RECLAMATION

Washington, Feb. 26.—History repeated itself in the senate today when as in the final days of the last session—western irrigation led to acrimonious debate.

The subject today was the conference report on the interior department bill which has been under unsuccessful negotiations for several weeks. Senator Snoot, republican of Utah, manager for the senate, submitted a partial report and asked concurrence but was met with instant objection from Senator Jones, republican, Washington, and Walsh, democrat, Montana, because of the reinsertion of what they declared was discriminatory legislation relating to projects in those states.

AUTO TRUCK LEGISLATION CREATES ROW

Governor Warns Against Imposing High Tax and Row Embroils House While Senate Talks.

Operating with the clock stopped in the house and under forced draft in the senate, the thirty-third legislative assembly is today driving on toward sine die adjournment, which will probably come during the late afternoon or early evening hours. Noon adjournment in the house, but the arrival of the moment found the desk still cluttered with unfinished business, principally that coming over from the senate.

The determination of certain members of the upper house to be heard on everything and anything has clogged the wheels there and they are far behind and holding up the procession.

Closing hours of the thirty-third legislature finds the hour embroiled in a row over truck and bus line legislation that may bring to naught the many weeks of work of the roads and highways committees.

The fight was precipitated when Governor Pierce in a message (Continued on Page Nine)

ROCKEFELLER HEIRESS TO WED YOUNG LAWYER

New York, Feb. 26.—One of the world's richest girls will step from her parents' mansion into the modest apartment of a young lawyer when Miss Abby Rockefeller, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and David Meriwether Milton, Jr., are married next May.

The standard of living they will adopt after their marriage will be set by her comparatively small salary instead of by her parents' millions, it was learned last night at the announcement of their betrothal.

The engagement is the culmination of a romance which started in their childhood and grew during the years their families were neighbors at Pocantico Hills and Seal Harbor, Maine.

FORMER SALEMITE DIES IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 26.—Daniel M. Crouse, 73, died at a hospital here late yesterday. He had lived at Salem, Or., until two months ago when he came here to live with his daughter, Mrs. E. Belle Roderich. The widow, Martha Louise, and one daughter, arrive.

Does Marriage Make Half Cousins Cousins And Nullify Ceremony?

"The mother of the girl being the half sister of the father of the boy, the mother and father having the same father but a different mother.

Under the foregoing conditions he would be Ann?"

PLAN DRAINAGE OF FAIRGROUNDS

Workmen will begin on the drainage system for the state fair grounds immediately on the approval of the action taken by the senate ways and means committee of the state legislature by Governor Pierce, asserts Mrs. Ella Schulz Wilson, secretary of the state fair board.

A sum of \$10,000 will be provided for this work, according to Mrs. Wilson, and relief will be given the people in the low country west of the fairgrounds, who now are met each winter by a flood of water draining off the state property. The tract to be used by R. C. Miles for his horse park will be benefited by the proposed drainage.

Installation of a 36 inch drain line along the route of a filled ditch is believed the most effective means of getting the water away. Engineers say that the flooded condition met each winter there is a result of filling in of natural ditch drains.

Both Oscars Are to Collect Dog Tax Under New Law

With claims in for 65 head of sheep killed by dogs, those claims reached their high mark in the county's history the past month, County Judge Hunt states, and at the rate of \$8 a head the fund secured from dog licenses to reimburse farmers for their sheep will soon be exhausted.

"The new dog law just passed by the legislature will come along just about in time to save us," stated the county judge. "Under the new law when the license fee is not paid in 90 days the license tax is doubled. We believe that will force dog owners to come in and make payment."

The question of who collects the tax, Oscar, the assessor, or Oscar, the sheriff, is left about half way between by the new law. A compromise was effected whereby the sheriff still collects the tax, but the deputy assessor carries in his pocket a collection of tags and if anyone wants to "buy one from him he can. The deputy will get two bits for every tag he sells.

FARMERS' BALLOT

To ascertain the sentiment of farmers upon the auto parking limit in the business district of Salem, county readers are requested to cut out, mark with an X their preference and mail this ballot to the Capital Journal.

- Favor one hour parking limit.
- Favor two hour parking limit.
- No limit.

Name _____
Address _____