

# HILL LINES DENIED SILETZ ROAD

## MEIER BILLS AGAIN FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

Measures for Carrying Out Governor's Policies Not Yet Received

Legislature Marking Time—Service Bill Sent Back for Redrafting

Disappointed again in its expectation that at least two of the proposed measures for carrying out the utilities regulation and public power development policies of Governor Meier would be introduced Wednesday morning the legislature spent another morning of comparative idleness, although the senate did get its machinery grinding on some minor legislation.

Representative Lawrence was scheduled to offer the governor's bill for abolishing the public utility commission and recreating it under a single commissioner, with revised and greatly broadened powers. But when the measure was laid before the house legislative committee it was fired right back to be redrafted to conform with the rules of the house as to technical form.

In its general provisions the bill sets up an organization headed by one commissioner at a salary of \$7500 a year, provides for an advisory water power commission of three members, and provides the machinery whereby individual cities may regulate public utilities under the home rule plan.

The bill, drafted by Colonel A. E. Clark, did not indicate by the proposed...

## HOOVER STANDS BY DRY FORCES

Washington (AP)—Senator Simon D. Pess, chairman of the republican national committee, said Wednesday President Hoover's stand for continuation of the present prohibition system forecasts the position he will take in the 1932 presidential campaign.

Pess made this statement following a call at the White House, but emphasized that his remarks were not inspired by anything that had transpired in his interview with the president.

A democratic senator opposing prohibition, Walsh of Massachusetts, placed upon the president's message, the interpretation Mr. Hoover had definitely taken up the dry side, and would lead his party in 1932 against revision.

Another democratic anti-prohibitionist, Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, described the president's stand as "amazing," in view of the revision hearings she saw in the report itself.

From a republican opposed to the dry statutes, Representative Schaefer of Wisconsin, came this observation:

"It may be necessary for congress to conduct a survey to ascertain what conclusion was really reached."

## QUARREL OF LOVERS ENDS WITH MURDER

Louisville, Ky. (AP)—Miss Mildred Meyer, 24, was shot and killed on the front porch of an apartment house here early Wednesday. George W. "Newt" McCasland, ex-pugilist, was arrested and charged with murder.

Two Chicago youths, Gordon C. Keith, 23, and Donald H. Oak, 24, who were stopping at the apartment house, were held as witnesses.

Police said the killing was the result of a sweetheart's quarrel and that McCasland killed Miss Meyer in a row over a date she had with Huxk recently.

## Ballet Dancing Now Opened to Deaf and Dumb

Allanta, Ga. (AP)—A new world, interpretative dancing and the ballet, is open to the deaf.

Tests, following months of intensive study and experimentation at the Georgia school for the deaf at Cave Springs, show that the deaf can "hear" music and respond to its rhythm by sensing the physical vibrations of musical notes.

Three students of the school, Miss Maxine Morris, Miss Cleveland Robinson and Miss Ada Jackson, dressed in gay Spanish costumes, performed an entire ballet number in demonstration of the new principle.

## Turns Congress Into Beer Council

Portland (AP)—General Charles H. Martin, congressman elect from the third Oregon district, declared Wednesday "revision of the 18th amendment according to the Wickersham commission plan would make a beer council out of congress."

Martin advocates repeal.

"If congress were given power to enforce liquor regulations," he said, "elections would be determined solely on the liquor question."

"EQUAL TO NOTHING"

Jacksonville, Fla. (AP)—Thomas A. Edson, who arrived in Florida Wednesday, said the report of the Wickersham commission on prohibition was "equal to nothing, but slightly in favor of the drys."

## Bill To Authorize Prison Completion

Completion of an additional wing at the state penitentiary to cost \$53,000, now under construction under direction of the state board of control and the payment of claims incurred by the board in the construction authorized by the emergency board April 4, 1930, is authorized in a measure ready to be introduced during the Wednesday afternoon session of the house.

The bill is sponsored by the joint house and senate ways and means committee and bears the emergency clause.

## Good Evening! Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN

Tom Galloway, our well known banker friend, reported to the county court this a. m. that a part of the road out Rosedale way toward his home is so slippery it is dangerous.

"Why," said Tom, in explaining the situation, "the pavement out there is so bad that on 11:30 New Year's eve as we started to ascend this certain hill we decided we couldn't make it and turned back to town."

File, Mr. Tom, You're not the only party who couldn't get home on New Year's eve. We could name just dozens of them around here.

But they don't go and complain to the county court about it.

Now that the Wickersham commission has reported, we suggest that Mister Hoover name another commission to find out what the report means.

Sportsmen held an oyster banquet at Jim Linn's place last night and loafed around for a couple of hours doing it. Sort of an oyster loaf, as it were.

It's a good thing to have sportsmen get together over food once in a while. That's the only way they ever will get together.

We can't help but wonder whether the oysters were caught by salmon eggs or flies. That seems to be the biggest bone of contention among the fishermen.

We understand Ed Flareski, whom the Oregonian a while back proclaimed as the most experienced of all Oregon sportsmen in the matter of wild life was also present giving some first hand wild life presentations.

According to a report a lot of people are now going over to the West Salem store for their water. That's good for the Gerth, anyway.

But it just shows you what municipal ownership can do. Silver Salem voted to buy the water plant we haven't heard a kik about Little Algie, bum water, or any of the diverse and sundry complaints so common to past winters.

It's the old story. If anyone figures he owns something it then becomes a little better than anything anyone else owns.

## ROOT PLEADS ADHERENCE TO WORLD COURT

Washington (AP)—A group of women crowded the senate foreign relations committee room Wednesday as the venerable American statesman, Elihu Root, urged American adherence to the world court.

Mr. Root, who will be 86 years old next month, could barely be heard above the babble of voices and confusion outside the committee room as he related his part in drafting the modified proposal for American adherence.

Sitting at the end of a long table opposite Chairman Borah, an opponent of the court, Mr. Root was not interrupted as he went into the history of the tribunal and the details of America's first proposal to enter the court with reservations five years ago.

He said there were two obstacles in the way of acceptance by other powers of the senate reservation put upon American adherence in 1924. This reservation provided that the court should not render an advisory opinion.

Operation of the reserve was disclosed when police raided the notorious Rex hotel, arrested five women and 14 men and confiscated voluminous records in which suspicious transactions between police and underworld characters were recorded.

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## MOTHER ASKS HIGH COURT TO FREE SON

Seattle (AP)—The Washington state supreme court will be asked to rule upon the case of a high school boy being sentenced to a state institution because of his participation in a series of crimes, it became known here Wednesday.

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## RAIDERS DESTROY KLAMATH WINERY

Klamath Falls (AP)—Tracing the liquor supply of Klamath Indians to Pelican City, a suburb of Klamath Falls, state and federal prohibition officers led by Louis Mueller, special United States Indian officer, Tuesday night swooped down on the largest winery ever found in Klamath country.

More than one thousand gallons of wine were poured onto the snow, staining it a blood red. One vat having a capacity of 1,250 gallons, was destroyed.

Three men, A. Conte, Jesse Jara and S. Rantavala, were arrested.

Officers said the men will probably be bound over to the federal grand jury. Many gallons of moonshine whiskey was found and destroyed by the raiders.

## WILLIS W. MOORE SENT TO PORTLAND

Medford (AP)—Willis W. Moore, assistant attorney general, detailed to conduct a special grand jury investigation into the death of Everett DeHuck of Eagle Point, killed during a liquor raid six weeks ago, left for Portland Wednesday for medical attention. He is suffering from a cold and general run-down condition. He was stricken on the first day of the investigation. The special grand jury investigation has been discontinued until a new special prosecutor can be assigned.

## Fine and Jail For Killing Elk

Portland (AP)—Don Eaton, Lawrence Timmons and Kyle Corvies, all of Milton-Freswater, were fined \$200 each and sentenced to 30 days in jail when they pleaded guilty Wednesday in justice court to a charge of killing cow elk.

## Labor Control Meets Defeat But Refuses to Resign

London (AP)—The MacDonald government was defeated in the House of Commons Wednesday on an amendment to the education bill, but Prime Minister MacDonald said no vital principle was involved. Thus the government will not be obliged to resign.

The bill was moved by John Scurr, Roman Catholic labor member, who previously had moved an amendment which would authorize the use of government funds to enable denominational schools to meet expenses incurred by the provision in the bill raising the school-leaving age from 14 to 15 years.

He said in making that motion that the denominational schools would need \$5,000,000 to enlarge their buildings.

## TUNNELS LINK CHICAGO DIVES

Chicago (AP)—Resorts in Chicago's "indians" in the 22nd street district are connected by tunnels, one of them at least three blocks long, through which underworld characters escape from police raids, Police Captain John Prendergast said Wednesday in explaining the difficulties of "keeping the district shut down."

"It's not only the operation of vice resorts in that area which we are fighting," Prendergast said, "it's their influence that reaches all over town. That district was the training school in which the Capones and Guzik got their start."

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## OFFICE SUPPLY BILL REPORTED IN HOUSE

Washington (AP)—The independent offices supply bill, carrying in appropriation of \$1,850,356,191, was reported to the house Wednesday by its appropriations committee. The measure provides working funds for the interstate commerce commission, veterans' administration, the shipping board, power commission and several other governmental branches.

The bill as reported calls for an increase of \$246,790,555 over appropriations for the last fiscal year. Most of this increase is due to additional requirements of \$108,298,712 for veterans' administration and the advance of \$100,000,000 to the federal farm board, the last of the \$500,000,000 revolving fund created under its authorizing bill.

## Makes Doctors Turn Bootleggers

Kansas City, Mo. (AP)—Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, former president of the American Medical Association, said Wednesday the Wickersham commission's recommendations to re-impose restrictions on the number of liquor prescriptions a physician may write "would make crooked doctors rich quickly."

"It would turn the bootlegger's business over to the medical profession," he asserted.

## Pressure Exerted to Speed Up Senate to Avoid Extra Session

Washington (AP)—Sharp administration pressure was exerted Wednesday for the first time to expedite legislation and prevent an extra session. The senate met at noon under confirmation of the company's report shows more persons unemployed than the 4,300,000 to 5,000,000 estimated by Chairman Wood of the president's committee.

The senate also adopted a resolution of Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, asserting "control of government airmail contracts rapidly is coming under the direction of the aviation monopoly," which Dill believes is headed by United Aircraft Inc. The resolution asked...

## Meier Promises Cooperation in Dry Enforcement

Governor Julius L. Meier, in an exclusive statement to the Associated Press, declared the state of Oregon should, and that he believed would continue to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of the national prohibition law. His comment was made in connection with the Wickersham commission report, and is as follows:

"The state of Oregon has always cooperated to the fullest extent in the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and has gained national recognition for enforcement of the prohibition law. So long as the law constitutes a part of our national statutes I believe Oregon should, and will, continue to cooperate as in the past."

## STATE HOOVER URGED CHANGE IN DRY REPORT

Washington (AP)—A report that President Hoover had persuaded the Wickersham commission to abandon at the last moment a tentative recommendation for revision of the eighteenth amendment was confirmed in an authoritative quarter. The report followed speculation concerning discrepancies between the separate reports of the commissioners and the commission's general findings.

The commission, in its general report, stated that if the eighteenth amendment is revised, it should be changed to give congress power to "regulate" the liquor traffic instead of making prohibition mandatory, as now.

However, in his separate report, Judge William I. Grubb said he concurred in all of the conclusions "except that recommending that the amendment be revised immediately without awaiting further trial."

Judge Paul J. McCormick said in his report that he was in accord...

## THIRD HEARING OF RAIL CASE

Portland (AP)—The ill-starred cross-state railroad case, on the pages of which death has twice written the names of federal judges, will have its third hearing in court here Thursday.

The Union Pacific system, through the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, seeks to quash the order of the interstate commerce commission instructing the line to build 188 miles of railroad from Crane, on Oregon's eastern border, to Crescent lake, to the west.

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## OFFICERS GUARD NEGRO SUSPECT

Hopkinsville, Ky. (AP)—Thirty deputies and police officers armed with submarine guns, shotguns and tear gas bombs, guarded the county jail Wednesday, fearing a mob from Paducah would come here in an attempt to lynch Sam Magee, negro suspect in a Paducah holdup killing.

Magee was brought here by Paducah authorities Tuesday night just before a mob stormed the Paducah jail, bent on lynching the negro. Officers maintained an all night vigil and, although several Paducah cars loaded with strangers stopped here at 3 a. m., there was no disturbance.

Magee is accused of killing Charles Clark, 18, during a holdup in which Clark's father-in-law, George Rock, shot and killed another negro.

## PALESTINE SWEEP BY SEVERE STORM

Jerusalem (AP)—A furious storm which raged over Palestine for 26 hours, lashed Wednesday leaving a wide trail of destruction, particularly along the coast.

A Haifa towering waves battered a mile long breakwater and making gaping holes at several places, washed away the breakwater railway, and several cars. Electric cables were blown down and one man was killed.

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## GERMAN-POLISH TROUBLES AIRED

Istanbul, Turkey. (AP)—What is said to be the worst Black Sea storm in thirty years continued unabated Wednesday, its fourth day. Enormous breakers destroyed all the wharves at Zosfordak, crushing scores of small craft. Three fishermen were drowned. Several Turkish cargo boats have been wrecked.

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## CASH TO VETERANS IMPERILS FINANCES

Washington (AP)—Secretary Mellon Wednesday reported to the house ways and means committee enactment of the Garner bill to pay cash on veterans' compensation certificates would seriously affect national finance and "our general economic situation."

Several hundred American Legionnaires marched Wednesday in a demonstration, urging legislation to authorize the cashing of the World War veterans' adjusted compensation certificates.

They were from Baltimore, Frederick and other towns in Maryland and from local posts. They marched up Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol, where they broke ranks and walked to the south steps.

There they were addressed by Representatives Putnam of Texas, Rankin of Mississippi and Connery of Massachusetts, democrats.

AVALANCHE KILLS SEVEN

Munich, Germany (AP)—Seven of eight Bavarian constables who were buried in an avalanche near here Tuesday were found dead under the snow Wednesday. The eighth was still alive but severely injured.

## Bowles Defense Ask Alienist Examine Mrs. Howards' Case

Portland (AP)—A demand that the circuit court appoint a committee of three physicians to examine Mrs. H. W. Howard, state witness in the murder case against Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire, and Irma Loucks, was made Wednesday by John Collier, defense attorney. A previous request has not been acted upon by the court.

Collier insisted the court appoint "an alienist, an authority on narcotic addicts and their hallucinations, and a general practicing physician."

The petition was in the form of a letter with a copy to Lotus L. Langley, district attorney, asking his consent. Langley promised prompt consideration.

Mrs. Howard was recovering Wednesday from injuries suffered a week ago when, she said, she was...

## DENY COERSION BY PRESIDENT

Washington (AP)—The growing tumult of discussion, dispute and speculation over the Wickersham prohibition report centered Wednesday around two salient queries:

How far did the commission mean to go toward recommending revision of the eighteenth amendment? And what will be the effect of President Hoover's opposition to such a step?

So aroused were the commission members over reports that the president had intervened to forestall an unequivocal modification proposal that the following statement was issued by Chairman Wickersham:

"The statement this morning in the Washington Herald that the president had intervened to forestall an unequivocal modification proposal is absolutely untrue and without foundation."

Neither the chairman nor any member of the commission now in Washington, however, was willing to tell the full story of the weeks of discussion within the commission, or explain how or when the decision against an out and out revision proposal was reached.

## CANADA BAR FAILS TO HALT BOOZE FLOW

Ottawa, (AP)—The Canadian law prohibiting the exportation of liquor to the United States has not decreased the volume of shipments, officials said Wednesday.

They were said to be in accord with the findings of the Wickersham commission on that subject.

It is admitted here that virtually all liquor exported eventually reaches the United States. For December, the total exported was 24,978 gallons, compared with 285,720 gallons for December, 1929. The 1930 total was 3,250,000 gallons against 1,526,000 gallons in 1927.

Officials say Canada is losing \$14,000,000 a year revenue because of the ban on direct exportation to the United States, but it was indicated the government would not entertain any proposal to repeal the law.

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Geneva (AP)—Germany and Poland, whose relations have seemed near the breaking point many times in post-war years, brought their differences before the league of nations council Wednesday.

Dr. Julius Curtius, German foreign minister, read a long documented charge against Poland, centering on alleged mistreatment and denial of rights to the German minority in Silesia. References to terror and violence formed a recurrent theme.

## Asks Senate for Probe of Decision By Wickersham

Washington (AP)—A move was made in congress Wednesday to clear the mysteries involved in the seeming conflict between the anti-repeal recommendation of the Wickersham report, and the individual reports of commissioners taking widely opposite stands.

The congressional step—a resolution fostered by Senator Tydings, democrat, Maryland, for investigation of the commission's processes in reaching conclusions—followed closely upon publication of a United Press story quoting a high official as confirming that President Hoover had intervened at the last moment to induce alteration of an immediate revision recommended in the report.

## Storm Warnings Flying on Coast

Portland (AP)—Southeast storm warnings were ordered displayed at all Oregon and Washington coast stations Wednesday.

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## PURCHASE BY ESPEE FAVORED BY EXAMINER

Oregon Electric Refused Permission To Buy Valley & Siletz

Proposed Price of \$2,000,000 Not Justified—Bridge Not Needed

Washington (AP)—Plans of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways to extend their operations in Oregon in competition with the Southern Pacific system met with a preliminary obstacle Wednesday before the interstate commerce commission.

Thomas F. Sullivan, examiner who investigated, advised the commission to disapprove purchase of the Valley and Siletz railroad by the Oregon Electric railway, a subsidiary of the northern companies, at \$2,000,000. He urged the commission to refuse the Oregon Electric permission it had sought, to construct a connection with the Valley line at a cost of \$465,000.

Sullivan advised the commission to allow the Southern Pacific, which opposed the program of its competitors at all points, to purchase the...

## COLLEGE BURNS MILLION LOSS

Cambridge Springs, Pa. (AP)—The main building of the Polish National Alliance college here—including the school's fine museum—was a mass of smoldering ashes Wednesday and faculty members estimated the loss in Tuesday night's fire at close to \$1,000,000.

The building burned to the ground. Many valuable relics, including letters exchanged by George Washington with distinguished Polos who aided him in the American revolution, were prey of the flames.

College officials said the Polish government once had offered the school \$50,000 for these relics.

No one was injured. The 600 or more students, who were in the chapel when the fire broke out, were not informed the building was ablaze until they had fled out.

Most of the students were quartered Wednesday in hotels and private homes.

## MACDONALD TALKS ON INDIAN PROBLEMS

London (AP)—The achievements of the Indian round table conference, the problems yet to be solved in granting India a constitutional government, and the origin of the movement to call the historic Anglo-Indian gathering were outlined in a radio address by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald Tuesday night.

MacDonald was heard in the United States over a National Broadcasting network.

The gains of the conference were manifold, MacDonald said, and the meeting closed with the greatest unanimity.

"The myth of the existence of a public opinion in Great Britain essentially hostile to India and unwilling to regard it as anything more than a tribute state has been dispelled. In short, we have got down to business and have been cooperators and not opponents."

"We have given proof that this country is prepared to discuss Indian problems fairly and that it is not in the attitude which propaganda in India and the United States in particular so habitually attribute to it."

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