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## RUM RUNNERS IN DARING BREAK FROM OFFICERS

### Milo Eggers Escaped from Police in Post Office Building in Frisco

### BROTHER IS KILLED

#### Accomplices Throw Ammonia into Eyes of Marshall and Stage Gun Fight to Rescue

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Police officers along the entire Pacific Coast are today searching for Milo Eggers, alleged Canadian bootlegger, and head of a gigantic rum running organization who escaped from the custody of the Federal officers here this morning. Eggers' escape came after a thrilling battle in the post office building, when he and his brother, Ariel, stood off fifteen federal officers and escaped by means of aid given by two accomplices. Eggers' brother Ariel was shot and killed in the battle, but Milo is believed to have escaped without injury.

A bullet fired at Deputy United States Marshall Donnelly missed him as he fell writhing in agony to the floor from the effects of a syringe full of ammonia which was squirted into his eyes by two attackers, who suddenly came upon Donnelly as he was leading the Eggers brothers into the office of the United States Commissioner where they were to be questioned.

Fourteen other federal officers rushed from their offices in the building as soon as the first shot was fired and took up the battle, but they were unable to frustrate the break made by the men.

### Thug Frightened Away by Return Home of Family

MEDFORD, Jan. 29.—The police again warn residents of the city who leave their homes in either, daytime or evening, the latter especially, to request neighbors to keep an eye on the house to see that thieves do not break in and loot the premises and point to the experience of Mrs. F. M. Radovan last night, and the fact that several Ashland homes have recently been so visited and plundered of valuables.

Mrs. Radovan on returning to her home on South Ivy at 9:30 o'clock from the first theater performance, was somewhat surprised on approaching to see a light in the house, but thinking that a neighbor had gone in to await her coming, shouted cheerily, "Who is in there?"

## Automobile Runs Five Miles After Losing Gas Tank

GLoucester, N. J., Jan. 29.—How can an automobile run five miles without a gasoline tank? That is what local police are trying to solve after the story Frank Murphy, of Pitman Grove N. J., told when he claimed a partly filled auto gasoline tank at the station. Authorities found the tank on a business street here.

Murray declared that his car ran five miles before it stopped. He started to go up the hill at North Woodbury, he said, and his car stopped. It was several minutes before he discovered his "gas" tank was gone.

## GAS TAX TALK DEVELOPS INTO WARM DEBATE

### Many Different Theories Are Advocated at Hearing of Auto, Gas Bill

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 29.—A hearing that took on the proportions of a debate was held Monday night by the house roads and highways committee on bills introduced in both houses that have different theories of applying automobile and gasoline taxes.

W. B. Dennis, chairman of the motor vehicle license revision committee appointed by Governor Pierce, reported the results of a year's study of the problem. Present, too, were proponents of a group of senate bills that propose different taxation. Joseph Dunn, president of the Oregon State Motor association, was their spokesman.

Mr. Dennis and C. L. Boss, fellow-committee men, charged that the senate bills favoring a 40 per cent cut in motor license tax and an increase to 5 cents tax on gasoline were in the interest of the big car owner and that the man of small means who drove a light car would pay more under that system than at present.

Mr. Dunn controverted that flatly and said the gasoline tax proposed was a sales tax and it was right, because the man who used the highways most would pay most. He gave a general deft to the appeal that any attempt to raise gasoline taxation without reduction in licenses would be referred to the people by the motorists.

The committee considered house bills 18, 21, 22 and 23 and senate bills 13, 14, 15 and 47.

James H. Cassell, secretary of the Dennis committee; James S. Stewart and others expressed their opinions on the varying proposals which remain for the committee to support as it may determine later.

## DOG TEAMS ARE USED TO RUSH AID TO NOME

### First Driver Makes Sixty Miles in Four Hours, Breaks All Records

### 'CURLY' REFREW HERO

#### Kills Two of Prize Dog Team in Effort to Rush Medical Aid to Stricken City

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 29.—Fourteen teams of the fastest mushing dog teams in the world today raced against death.

Champion drivers with their picked dog teams pushed to the limit, rushed on their way from Nenao to Nome with the precious life giving serum to be used in the battle against diphtheria which is threatening to wipe out the entire city of Nome.

Dog relays are picking up the anti-toxin unit supplies at sixty mile intervals and rushing it with all possible speed on the 1000 mile journey over the snow covered areas, where the temperature has dropped to 50 degrees below zero.

The drivers of the dog teams, who were here training their charges for the great dog derby to be held at the Pas immediately upon hearing of the epidemic in Nome, and the lack of facilities for fighting the dreaded disease, volunteered their services in taking aid to the stricken city. A supply of twelve thousand units which were on hand at Nenao were immediately loaded upon the sled of "Curly" Refrew, driver of a six dog team and within ten minutes after volunteering his services, Refrew was on his way, mushing through the snows in the direction of Nome.

Four hours later, word was received from the first relay station that Refrew had arrived at the station, and that the second driver was on his way. It was hard for the officials here to believe that the stocky little driver had been able to push his team over the snows in the elapsed time which is nearly forty minutes faster than the world's record.

The word received stated that two of Refrew's dogs were dead, while the rest were in a terrible condition at the end of the trip, and that Refrew himself was nearly dead from the terrible trip at the great speed.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—The diphtheria epidemic at Nome may claim hundreds of lives, according to a dispatch received by Dr. Magruder in charge of the public health service here. The disease is said to have started among the Eskimos and to have spread rapidly, until now almost every other person in the city is infected.

But one physician is available to fight the disease and the report says he is showing signs of falling under the terrible strain. Doctors and nurses will be rushed to Nome on the Steamer Alameda which sails from here Saturday.

## MEN WHO FIGURE IN THE DAY'S NEWS.



Top: BENJAMIN G. GIGNOL; CURTIS D. WILBUR. Below: M. CLEMENTEL; THOMAS A. EDISON.

As a monument to Thomas A. Edison, noted inventor, while he is still alive, a mammoth office building for the electrical trades is to be erected in New York City. Naval Secretary Curtis D. Wilbur narrowly escaped death when his automobile, driven by his chauffeur, collided with another car at a street intersection in Washington. M. Clementel, French Finance Minister, has been told by Washington that the American Government did not consider his proposition to cut France's debt as the best weapon to combat the senders of Black Hand letters received by Benjamin Gignol, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, his secretary gave copies of them to the press.

## RAIL OFFICIAL FINAL NUMBER FAILS TO SHOW OF SERIES IS FOR GATHERING ON TOMORROW

### Sends Letter to Klamath Council Telling Arguments Against Franchise

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 29.—No action was taken on the Strahorn franchise. President Turner of the Oregon Trunk line did not appear in person for the council meeting Monday night, but sent a letter, in which he again urged the insertion of the common user clause. The council members gave no indication as to when the matter would be settled.

When W. F. Turner, president of the Oregon Trunk railroad, found it impossible to go to Klamath Falls to explain the position of his road he sent a letter to the mayor and council stating his arguments against an exclusive or hampering franchise. In this he repeated, in indirect manner, hints previously given that the Oregon Trunk might decide to build southward from Bend to enter Klamath territory and even the city.

This position on the part of the Oregon Trunk, owned jointly by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad systems, had been apparent for many weeks. When first made known through Mr. Turner's request for postponement of action by the Klamath Falls council on the Strahorn franchise request it drew the fire of Robert E. Strahorn, who built and controls the Oregon, California & Eastern line.

Mr. Strahorn charged that opposition to his franchise would delay extensions he contemplated and react to the detriment of the Klamath territory. He charged that it was "preposterous" and savored of confiscation for the northern roads to talk of common-user arrangements, permitting them to enter Klamath Falls over his line. He even went so far as to hint at a possible rail way between "powerful interests" if the issue were carried too far.

## AMENDMENT TO POST OFFICE BILL LOSES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—With their ranks holding firmly, the Senate administration forces today defeated the George amendment to the Moses postal rate and salary bill.

## PIERCE READS HIS MESSAGE TO ALL SOLONS

### Special Message Is Given to Joint Assembly of Senate and House

### WARFARE IS STARTED

#### Legislature now "Gunning" for Governor by Introducing Bill to Curb Power

SALEM, Jan. 29.—Before a joint assembly of the Senate and the House which convened at his request, Governor Pierce today read a special message at noon, demanding the repeal of the public utilities commission, insofar as the power of election is concerned, and the substitution of the power of appointments to be in the hands of the governor.

The message opened with an appeal for financial relief for the farmers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat belt, who were practically wiped out by the recent freeze, but almost immediately launched into a scathing denunciation of the public service commission. The governor entered the chamber without applause, and received very little after the reading of his message.

Governor Pierce asked that a law declaring all telegraph, telephone companies to be common carriers. He asked a more equitable distribution of the tax problem and the completion of the highway program at an early date, the development of the hydro electric power of the state, and the reforestation of the cut over lands.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—A new Port of Portland Commission measure, writing in the names of the entire commission as it now stands, including the five members ousted by Governor Pierce was introduced today. The measure vests the elections of the commissioners with the legislature. The bill went through the Senate on the first reading, and then to the committee without argument. It will come up tomorrow for final passage.

## 11 Vessels Launched in Japan in 1924

TOKYO, Jan. 29.—Forty-one ships, with a gross tonnage of 68,483, were built in Japan during 1924, according to statistics issued by the Department of Communications. Compared with an annual tonnage of 100,000 during the war period the figures are an indication of the depression prevailing in the Japanese shipbuilding industry.

## Rum Runner Ring Near Uncovering it Is Reported

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 29.—The inner working of the gigantic liquor ring, operating in the states of Washington, Oregon and California may be revealed in the near future when Owen "Cannonball" Baker is placed on trial here for the murder of Captain Gilles and his son.

Baker was arrested yesterday in New York, and will be returned to this city to face the murder charge. His arrest is said to be due to one section of the liquor ring squealing, and the prisoner will likely tell all about the ring when he is placed on the stand.

The murder of Gilles and his son followed the hi-jacking of the rum running boat, Beryl G. outside Victoria a few weeks ago. "Cannonball" Baker is one of the best known automobile record breakers in America. He has been employed by several of the leading automobile manufacturing corporations to make test runs, and he holds more cross-country records than any other driver now alive.

## Eclipse Removes Cataract From Eye, Is Claim

LODI, N. J., Jan. 29.—As the result of looking directly at the eclipse of the sun last Saturday, Louis Pretola, 54, claims to have regained his eyesight, after having been unable to see without glasses for seven years due to cataract.

Pretola had undergone four unsuccessful operations for removal of the cataracts. After he had gazed at the sun without smoked glasses he suffered severe pains, but within a few hours his sight began to return and he discarded the strong glasses he had worn seven years.

## TAYLOR ENTERS GUILTY PLEA TO DEATH CHARGE

### Will be Chief Witness for State Against Gang Members in K. F. Killing

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 29.—John Taylor, confessed leader of the five charged with killing Oscar Erickson during the robbery of a basement gambling house here January 4, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of "manslaughter before Circuit Judge Leavitt. An indictment charging him with robbery was dismissed on motion of District Attorney Ganong. Taylor's arrest a week after the crime led to a solution of the murder and robbery mystery, as he made a complete confession after he had been returned to Klamath Falls from Jacksonville. His confession implicated four others, three of whom are now in custody awaiting trial for murder next Friday.

By reason of the fact that Taylor had "come clean" and given authorities every possible aid in bringing about the arrest of other alleged members of the gang, District Attorney Ganong permitted him to withdraw his plea of not guilty to the first degree murder charge and plead guilty to the lesser crime.

At the request of the district attorney Judge Leavitt delayed the passing of sentence until February 10. This was done in order to wait until after the trials of the other three men had been concluded before facing Taylor's penalty. It can range between one and 15 years in the state penitentiary.

## DRUNK DRIVER IS TARGET OF SENATE BILL

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 29. Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Eddy, any person driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated would be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction would be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and by imprisonment in county jail for a term not less than 60 days nor more than six months.

Such conviction would in itself operate as a revocation of such drivers' license, and the person so convicted should not be eligible to apply for or receive a license for a period of one year.

If any person whose license has been revoked following conviction under this act shall thereafter operate a motor vehicle upon the highways within the time for which the license was revoked, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$200, nor more than \$500 and by imprisonment in the county jail not less than 90 days nor more than one year.

For the first offense, the motor vehicle being driven in such violation shall be held in the custody of the sheriff for not less than 30 days nor more than six months; for the second offense the vehicle driven shall be held for not less than six months or more than one year.

## COUNCIL IS TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE TONIGHT

### Measure to Come Up for Approval at Special Meeting

### ATTITUDE FAVORABLE

#### Either Action Must be Taken Tonight or New Resolution Drafted for Consideration

After being pushed from pillar to post, postponed and investigated, the resolution calling for a special election for the voting of bonds with which to purchase the Chautauqua building and the seventeen acre McCormick tract as an addition to the Ashland park system will probably be passed at an adjourned meeting of the city council slated for this evening.

Unless the resolution is passed at the meeting tonight, it is probable that a new resolution will have to be drawn up and presented to the council for consideration. According to the terms of the document which was presented to the body a week ago, the special election is to be held in February. Unless action is taken tonight it will be impossible to go through the legal procedure necessary for the calling of the election in time for the vote in February.

Most of the members of the council seemed in favor of the resolution at the last session of the body, and all signified their intentions of voting for the passage of the document, but several of the members were not in favor of the wording of the resolution. According to the wording, the council "recommends" the purchase of both these properties, and the councilmen stated they could not favor the recommending of any proposition until they had looked into the matter thoroughly. The park addition of seventeen acres was new to many of the members and they therefore refused to "recommend" it.

The two propositions have been separated on the ballot, in order that each will stand on its merits alone. Proponents of each measure desired that the two propositions be separated, each fearing that a combination of the two would mean the death of the entire program.

The terms of the resolution which will come up tonight call for the issuance of \$8,000 bonds for the purchase of the Chautauqua building and site, and the issuance of \$4,500 bonds for the purchase of the McCormick tract.

## Irrigation Bills Appear in Spite of Strong Lobbies

SALEM, Jan. 29.—The big irrigation bills which have come out over the objection of the Fleischacker banking lobby made their appearance in the house today. One would give irrigation districts power to contract with the government under terms of the federal "fact finding bill" of December 5, last, which provides classification of project lands and repayment of construction charges on that basis.

The second bill would allow districts to sell their surplus water and provides machinery by which the consent of the bond holders may be gained to such a sale.

A free text book bill, asking \$75,000 appropriation of state funds made its appearance. The bill provides the act be submitted to the vote of the people at the next general or special election.

## Fire Station Burns Over Heads of Gossiping Crew

DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 29.—While firemen were discussing the scarcity of fires here this winter, their attention was called to flames overhead.

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