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EXPECT ROW OVER EFFORT TO RESTRICT NAVY PROGRAM

Strong Difference of Opinion Exists Over Needs of Navy

FINAL MEETING TODAY

Some Decision as to What to Recommend Will Be Reached in Today's Meeting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The navy committee threatens to open the safety valve in the house to express the resentment which has been accumulating in the secret committee sessions held in an effort to restrict the naval building program.

Representative Butler of Pennsylvania, chairman, announced today that the committee would hold a final meeting today and decide what to do.

Committee members are bound by a pledge of secrecy and have declined to talk in the last few days. Two courses are open to the committee:

1.—Introduction of a special bill to provide appropriations for the three additional cruisers and two dirigibles whose construction Coolidge opposed because of negotiations for another arms conference.

Congress authorized the cruisers and dirigibles at the last session, but the budget bureau refused to include appropriations for them in the budget recently submitted.

2.—A statement in the form of a protest that the navy is far below the ratio provided by the Washington arms conference and that construction of the additional cruisers will not interfere with another arms conference.

HI-Y CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

Two Committees Are Appointed at Last Night's Meeting

The Ashland high school HI-Y club held a regular meeting and dinner in Pioneer hall last evening with ten members present. The meeting was given over largely to business and discussion. The new life discussion course on the Sermon on the Mount was started last night and will be continued each meeting night. Two committees were appointed last night by president Nutter. A meeting committee, composed of Barney Miller, James Hartley and Selden Burton, whose task will be that of providing some special feature at each meeting. A service committee composed of Gordon Claycomb, Elliott MacCracken, and Wilfred Wagner, whose duties will be that of providing service tasks to be performed by the members of the club. Next week the feed will be furnished by Horace Dunn, Elliott MacCracken and Barney Miller.

POPE GIVES ADVICE TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS

Says "Impudent and Immoral" Fashions Should Be Eliminated

GOLF CLUB PRAISES WORK OF CHAMBER

Resolution is Passed Thanking Local Body for Cooperation

The local Chamber of Commerce were warmly praised by the board of directors of the Golf club in a resolution passed at the regular meeting last night, for their assistance in promoting interest in the golf course. This action was the result of the successful golf dinner and dance held in the Lithia Springs Hotel recently, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and also the Golf Style Show and dance to be held at the Hotel Ashland on the night of December 21, which also has received the backing of the local commercial organization.

R. W. Price has been named chairman of the ticket committee for the next affair, and has appointed Mrs. V. V. Mills, Mrs. Louis Dodge, Mrs. George Converse, Mrs. Harry Tomlinson and Mrs. McGarry to have active charge of the sales.

Present plans call for an affair that will be varied and entertaining, and which will give local people an opportunity to learn more about this interesting game.

TESTIMONY SHATTERS MYTH OF UNDERWORLD

Pal of Defendant "Squeals" in Murdered Editors Trial

CANTON, O., Dec. 15.—(UN)—Shattering the myth that the code of the "underworld" is inviolate and that its denizens never "squeal," Steve Kaschok, today testified in detail to the murder plot against Don R. Mellett, giving damaging evidence against his former chum, Paisjek McDermott, on trial for his life for the killing of the editor.

Kaschok admitted under cross examination that the prospect of sharing in the \$10,000 reward offered for conviction of the slayers of Mellett was on of his reasons for becoming the state's star witness against McDermott.

Resuming his story which was interrupted by the adjournment of court yesterday, Kaschok told how McDermott had approached him with the suggestion that he might obtain a job in Canton. The "job," the witness said, proved to be that of "beating up an editor." After they had made a trip from Massillon, Ohio, and had looked over the Mellett house, Kaschok said he refused to go through with the scheme.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY WILL BE THURSDAY

"Bashful Mr. Bobbs" to be at the High School Gym Tomorrow

"You orter see it." See what? Why, the "Bashful Mr. Bobbs" at the high school gymnasium, Thursday night at eight o'clock.

All bashful men who want to be cured should find out the only perfect way, and those who wish to be bold will learn much from the technique of the one who is "anything but bashful."

The action of the play takes place at Mrs. Wiggin's hotel in Spinterville. Katherine Henderson, a young wife, and her husband, Frederick, both from the city—impatiently wait at the hotel for Marston Bobbs, who is engaged to Katherine's sister, Jean Graham. Marston is delayed, but his exceedingly bashful cousin arrives, and "thereby hangs a tale." His identity is unknown and because of his suspicious actions he is mistaken for a burglar.

Marston finally arrives and pretends to have sciatica to excuse his lateness. Unfortunately, Robert Bobbs had already excused him because of neuralgia. His troubles are aggravated when Celesta Vanderpool, a movie star, with whom he is in love, follows him to Spinterville. He feels that he must marry Jean, however,

PROBLEMS OF IRRIGATION IN THE STATE ARE DISCUSSED

Routine Business Occupies The First Morning Session

POLICY IS ANNOUNCED

Amendments to the Present Irrigation Law Are Drawn up and Adopted

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(UN)—Meeting in the Portland chamber of commerce for a two-day session, trustees of the Oregon irrigation congress convened Tuesday to discuss irrigation problems throughout the state.

After the morning meeting of routine business, the report of W. Lair Thompson, chairman of the legislative committee, appointed to make a survey of the proposed amendments to the irrigation law in the hope that something can be done for certain districts, was read and discussed.

Thompson's report, which included drafts of proposed amendments to the irrigation code, states in a candid manner that it was forced to investigate its investigations and arrive at its findings without aid or suggestions from the irrigationists of the state.

His report continues to say that at the first meeting of the legislative committee, a policy was adopted to this effect: "There should be no plan which involves a repudiation of the obligation of irrigation districts. An effort should be made to devise a plan which would put an end to pyramiding of the liens of district obligations."

Acting accordingly the committee prepared amendments to the existing irrigation laws, which Thompson insists will tend to make it possible to accomplish certain results. The first is: "Immediate relief for the land owner within an irrigation district who has the will to pay his portion of the obligation. This is to be accomplished by preventing the pyramiding of lien charges."

COLD WEATHER HELPS CAPTURE ELEPHANT

Circus Animal Loose for Three Days Gets Too Cold

GARNET, Kas., Dec. 15.—(United News)—A drop in the temperature was largely responsible for the capture of Diamond, the circus elephant who tore away from his moorings three days ago and swept like a young tornado across the country side, leaving a trail of smashed fences, gates and outbuildings in his wake.

Suffering from the sudden and intense cold the elephant was cornered tonight in a cornfield ten miles from the circus headquarters.

He indicated that he would consider returning to his bed and board, and his trainer and the posse of irate farmers were fearful only of a rise in the temperature, which might change his mood.

Diamond, and another elephant, Tex, went on a rampage last Saturday, but the latter submitted to capture after a few hours.

While fleeing from his pursuers today Diamond took refuge in the playground of a country school near Iola, and caused a panic.

LINN COUNTY LEVY

ALBANY, Dec. 15.—(United News)—Linn county's tax levy on the 1926 roll will be 27.1 mills, the same as the 1925 levy, according to the report of the county assessor filed today with the county court. The levy will produce a total tax revenue of \$778,843.60, of which \$375,353.57 will be for county purposes within the six per cent limitation and \$421,489.03 for state tax, market roads and bond retirement and interest. The total tax extension on the 1925 roll was \$778,405.52.

NORMAL BASKETEERS DEFEAT BATTERY B

Fast Practice Game Results in 35 to 19 Victory Last Night

Coach Hughes' normal school basketeers got their initial baptism of fire last night when they defeated the Battery B team, 35 to 19, in a speedy game on the armory floor. The normal team showed a lot of class for the first game the boys ever played together, and they should give a good account of themselves when they play the Aggies here next Saturday night. Ted Kinney played a sparkling game for the embryonic schoolmasters and was a tower of strength both on defense and in general team play.

Fans are getting all hopped up over the game Saturday night and a big crowd is expected to turn out to see the normal team go up against the speedy quintet from the Corvallis college.

ACTION TAKEN IN THE COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL

Mandamus Proceedings Are Filed by Local Attorney at Salem

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(UP)—Mandamus proceedings to compel County Judge Hartzell of Jackson county to issue a proclamation in the recent county seat removal election were filed in the supreme court here yesterday by A. L. Hill and E. D. Briggs, Ashland attorneys. An alternative writ of mandamus was issued and made returnable next Monday when Judge Hartzell is required either to comply with the writ or show cause why he should not do so.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 15.—Harry Linnard and Ovar Berg, who held up three traveling salesmen on an Illinois Central train three months ago and escaped with \$300,000 worth of gems, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the Chester penitentiary for life.

ARREST ORMISTON FRIDAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator wanted in California in connection with the Almee Semple McPherson case has agreed to surrender to Chief of Police Morgan A. Collins Friday morning at eleven o'clock, the chief announced today. Ormiston is suffering from a bad cold and asked that his arrest be postponed until Friday.

Visiting Fireman Fatally Injured

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(UN)—Andrew F. Hueft, believed to be deputy secretary of state of Michigan, residing at Lansing, was probably fatally injured here today, following a collision between two fire trucks.

Hueft was walking across the street and was unable to avoid the speeding trucks. Identification was being attempted at the Emergency hospital, where he was taken with a possible fractured skull and serious internal injuries after being removed from beneath one of the wrecked machines.

Leo F. Irving and A. Lindberg, firemen, were seriously injured and may die as a result of the crash. Seven other firemen were hurt. The trucks were speeding to answer two separate fire alarms when they collided at an intersection.

FATE OF GREEN IS SOON WITH THE JURY

Former Prohibition Head Completes His Own Testimony

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(UN)—The fate of Col. Ned M. Green, suspended prohibition administrator and friend of General Lincoln C. Andrews, on trial here for alleged embezzlement of seized liquors, will probably be in the hands of a jury by Wednesday night or early Thursday.

This was the prediction tonight, following apparent failure of the government to impeach Green's direct testimony.

Green was on the stand for all but five minutes of today's sessions, under cross examination by Assistant United States District Attorney Eugene B. Bennett, who sought to prove that Green had told government intelligence officers a different story of his alleged speculations last July than he did from the stand.

Green denied many alleged admissions said to have been included in a statement which Bennett refused to allow entered as an exhibit. He said he did not remember other statements. The prosecution was plainly annoyed by failure to clear up some points and Judge St. Sure by continual objections from defense counsel.

The only other witness today was Brigadier General Hunter Liggett, marine corps, who declared Green had a reputation for sobriety and "was not a drinking man."

MASTER FISH WARDEN LET OUT AFTER A STAR SESSION

Charge That There is Lack of Harmony in His Department

REFUSES TO RESIGN

Present Incumbent Wanted More Explicit Information on Charges

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(UN)—A secret session of the state fish commission Tuesday, lasting two hours, from which newspapermen were barred led to the dismissal of Ed Ballagh, master fish warden, on charges that there was a lack of harmony in his department.

Ballagh refused to resign, specifying that he wanted more explicit grounds for the request, which the commissioners refused to give. A vote was then taken, resulting in Commissioners Jess Hayes of Tillamook and W. T. Zakra of Astoria voting for dismissal and Commissioner John C. Veatch of Portland, chairman, voting to retain Ballagh.

"Is that the only charge you're going to make?" asked Ballagh.

"That's the only charge necessary," replied Hayes. Immediately after the vote A. W. Franklin of Tillamook, deputy fish warden, was nominated for the position by Commissioner Hayes. Commissioner Eakin seconded the nomination while Commissioner Veatch voted against Franklin.

As a majority rules in the fish commission Ballagh was by this action at once removed from office and Franklin put in his place, effective Wednesday.

Battery B Will Stage 2 Dances

Two big holiday dances will be staged by Battery B, of the local coast artillery corps at the armory on Friday and Saturday nights of next week.

On Christmas eve the soldiers will hold an old-time masquerade dance which promises to be an event long to be remembered. On Christmas night they will hold a regular jazz dance with a lot of new and peppy music promised by the orchestra.

DEMOCRATS ATTEMPT TO GET TAX REDUCTION

Use Parliamentary Strategy in Effort to Get Plan Through

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(United News)—Democrats have resorted to parliamentary strategy to get their tax reduction plan before the house as a result of the refusal of republicans on the ways and means committee to consider tax legislation.

After a long session a resolution was announced that a petition would be circulated to discharge the ways and means committee for further or consideration of the tax bill embodying the democratic features.

It would take signatures of the majority of the house to take the bill from the committee and give it a place on the calendar.

There are 182 democrats in the house. Thus they would need 96 republicans. While a dozen or less of the so called insurgent republicans might sign the petition it does not appear likely that republican ranks would open any further.

Republicans are bound by the action of the ways and means committee which side tracked all tax legislation Saturday, the president's proposal for a 15 per cent credit on next year's taxes, as well as the democratic plan for reduction of the corporation tax from 13 1/2 to 11 per cent and repeal of the automobile, admission and stamp taxes.

Democrats privately do not expect their move to be successful, but it will serve as a record.

LOCAL GIRL WINNER IN COUNTY CONTEST

Jo Ann Huls Wins \$10 for Best Essay on Christmas Seals

Winners in the Jackson county essay contest on "Why we should sell Christmas Seals" were announced yesterday with Jo Ann Huls 447 Rock street Ashland winner of the \$10 first prize and Helen Maxwell Jones of Medford, the second prize of \$5. This contest which was open to all school children in the county between the fourth and eighth grade, attracted much attention and 144 replies were received. Leaflets were distributed, and other information given the children in order that they might secure sufficient facts to proceed upon, and special announcements of the contest was made in all of the schools.

Ashland had the largest number of entries with Central Point, Jacksonville and Butte Falls following. Mrs. H. O. Anderson, Mrs. Robinette and Mrs. Dean had charge of the contest locally and with the cooperation of Superintendent of Schools Briscoe, succeeded in arousing a great deal of interest.

The judges were H. H. Ruhle, of the Medford Mall Tribune, L. B. Tuttle of the Jackson County News, and C. J. Read of the Ashland Tidings. The winning essay will appear in the Tidings within a few days.

DETECTIVE'S WIFE HELD FOR MURDER

Wife of "Two Gun Ace" of Oklahoma is Placed Under Arrest

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—(UN)—Mrs. Luther Bishop, wife of Luther Bishop, two gun "ace" of the Oklahoma detective bureau, who was shot and killed a week ago Sunday, today was charged with the murder.

Deputies went immediately to the Bishop's home to take the widow into custody.

The charge followed a week of investigation by the state, county and city. Bishop was shot while asleep, apparently with one of his own revolvers. Six bullets were pumped into his body, while three missed their mark.

TWENTY HAVE SUCCUMBED TO INTENSE COLD IN TWO DAYS

Snow Drifts Twenty Feet High Obstruct Highway Traffic

COUNTRY IS COVERED

Cold Wave Spreads Rapidly From One Coast to the Other

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(UN)—The intense cold wave that has been racing down from the frozen north for the last 24 hours has now enveloped the greater part of the United States and Canada.

At least twenty persons have been killed by the extremely low temperatures and the weather bureau predicts there will be no relief before tonight. Striking down across the central Canadian order Monday night on the wings of a blizzard the cold has penetrated the south to the Texas border. Below freezing temperatures are reported from Houston.

Sub zero temperatures over spread the midwest and Rocky mountain regions which were heavily blanketed by snow.

In the east the mercury was skidding downward at an alarming rate. Charitable institutions were flooded with relief calls.

Chicago and other cities in that region reported police stations were being kept open all night to accommodate the homeless.

Snowdrifts twenty feet high halted highway traffic, caused the closing of schools and threw railroad trains off their schedules in Minnesota.

In the Rockies the snow blocked many mountain roads. Temperatures ranged from 10 to 25 degrees below zero. Air mail planes made forced landings or failed to start their trips through the swirling snow.

Even Kansas and Oklahoma experienced zero weather. The same was true in the northwest, in Washington and Oregon where four deaths were reported.

Southern California, Florida and portions of the Gulf coast were the only parts of the country to escape the unusually early arrival of winter. Upper Dixie came in for its share when the cold penetrated to Georgia and the Carolinas.

The Atlantic coast from New York to Maine, which had been enshrouded in a thick fog for 12 hours, saw the murky mist dissipated by icy winds from Toronto. At nightfall the mercury was dropping rapidly but the skies had cleared, much to the relief of half a dozen ocean liners which have been marooned in New York harbor.

Approve Funds Baker Project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(UN)—The house today approved the appropriation of \$450,000 for construction of the Baker reclamation project. The sum was reported by the committee, but not mentioned in the budget. An amendment by Representative Bankhead of Alabama, distinctly declaring that approval of feasibility by the secretary of the interior shall not be necessary was defeated, although supported by Representative Cramton, who is in charge of the interior department bill.

The vote was viva voce.

A total of \$11,618,800 in appropriations was voted for reclamation work in the west and southwest.

Cramton said Baker had been six times unanimously approved by the appropriation committee.

The appropriation will include: \$750,000 for Vale, \$200,000 for Umatilla and \$226,000 for Klamath, approved without objection.

TRAINS LATE

Owing to the heavy traffic today the Southern Pacific trains from the south were delayed about 20 minutes, making the distribution of mail later than usual.

A Tip for Her Majesty



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