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LEGISLATURE IS FACED WITH DEFICIT OVER ONE MILLION

Most Difficult Task of Senate is to Solve Tax Problem
COMMITTEE IN SESSION
Question of a Six Per Cent Limitation is Specie at Meetings
SALEM, Jan. 20.—The senate approved Governor Patterson's prison program in the passing of five bills which change the control of that institution from the executive department, where it has been for sixteen years, to the board of control. The bills also changed the name of the warden to superintendent and amended other statutes to conform to the changes.

SALEM, Jan. 20.—(UN)—Faced with a deficit of approximately \$1,000,000 the Oregon legislature today had started earnest consideration of its most perplexing and important problems, that of finance and taxation. At the first meeting taxation and revenue committee held recently the problem of the six per cent limitation arose. An immediate relief is sought, it was decided to ask the attorney general for an opinion to determine if the legislature has a right to increase revenue more than the past year plus six per cent, without submitting the matter to a vote of the people.

Plans outlined to the committee by Representative R. S. Hamilton, chairman are:
1.—That the legislature leave income plans as they are and cut expenses to the bone.
2.—The "California plan" and tax the gross earnings of public utilities with a tax on intangible properties.
3.—Corporate excess tax.
4.—The income tax bills now before the legislature.
5.—Plan of Representative Robert Schulmerich, Washington county, to introduce a bill providing that filers on water for producing hydro-electric power shall be required to pay the state 50 cents per horse power annually.

Salaries Checked
SALEM, Jan. 20.—(UN)—House bill 269 of the 1925 session, raising the salaries of the secretary of state, state treasurer and that of the attorney general ran up against a snag Wednesday afternoon when it was pulled out of committee in the senate and hastily laid on the table on motion of Senator Miller to save it from defeat.

It has been "resting" there pending the outcome of a drive to line up the necessary two thirds majority to pass it through the house. State Treasurer Kay, who has been campaigning in the front line trenches of the senate, was of the opinion Wednesday morning that he had the necessary votes and urged the committee to shoot the bill out and get it over with. This was done against the advice of some senate engineers and the bill came to the chief clerk's desk at the afternoon session ready for action.

MOTHER POISONS SELF AND CHILDREN

Three Are Dead From Eating Rat Poison at a Meal
TRACY, Cal., Jan. 20.—A mother and two children are dead here today and two other children are in a serious condition from rat poisoning fed the family by the mother. Mrs. Harry Hannon, Rose, five years old, and Willie, thirteen months died shortly after eating a poisoned meal. Two other children, Mary, four, and Josephine, three, were rushed to a hospital where it is not expected that they will live. Manuel Hannon, the father, returned home last night and found the dead, with the other two writhing on the floor. He was unable to account for his wife's actions.

PIONEER COUNCIL TO SOON BE ORGANIZED

Eight Members of Pioneer Clubs Meet Last Night
First steps toward the organization of the Y. M. C. A. Pioneer Central Council were taken last evening when eight boys, representing four of the newly organized Pioneer clubs of the city, met in the Y. M. C. A. office and laid plans for the organizing of the council. Keller Mahbott of the Bear Pioneer club, was chosen as temporary chairman of the group and called a meeting for next Wednesday at 4:15. The Central Council is composed of the Chief Ranger and Deputy Ranger of each Pioneer club, and these boys when once organized, will be responsible for the promotion and carrying out of city wide Pioneer activities, such as round ups, Pet and Hobby shows, hikes, basketball tournaments and numerous other activities dear to the heart of every Pioneer," explained Mr. Walter. Just as soon as the spring program for the clubs is announced it will be printed and put in the hands of every pioneer in the city that he may know just what is going on, it was further explained.

AMEE'S CASE COST COUNTY ABOUT \$4000

District Attorney Replies to Charges Made by State Senator
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—(UN)—Prosecution of Almee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, on charges of conspiracy to defeat justice, growing out of her kidnaping story, cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000, District Attorney Asa Keyes said in a formal statement issued tonight.

Keyes' statement answered an assertion of State Senator T. C. West of Alameda county that the famous case had cost the taxpayers more than \$150,000. The claim was made by the Alameda county legislator in introducing a bill in the legislature today to curb expenditures of district attorneys in doubtful prosecutions. "The money was spent in paying the railway fare of witnesses from both Carmel and Douglas, Ariz., and for special investigation that was necessary properly to conduct the case," Keyes said. "The amount expended is in no way excessive, considering the case and comparing it with the amount spent in other cases prosecuted by my predecessors in office or by district attorneys either in California or elsewhere throughout the country."

Attacking Senator West, Keyes declared that his statement that \$150,000 was spent on the case, "is so far from being the truth that I must assume that Senator West either had a strong motive for such a gross misstatement or that he received his information from some one who did have such a motive, and that Senator West preferred misinformation to accurate information from the public records, readily available

BASEBALL IS PREDICTING A NEW HEAD FOR THE AMERICANS

Ban Johnson They Feel is Slated to Lose His Job
LANDIS IS FAVORED
Fans Predict That Johnson Will Come Out Second in Monday Scrap
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Up and down the highways of ash and horsehide, the length and breadth of baseballdom, the fans are engaged in naming a successor to Ban B. Johnson, as president of the American League. "The king is as good as dead," they cry, not doubting that Judge Landis will oust his erstwhile enemy in view of the present provocation. "Long live the king."

HEAVIEST SNOW IN YEARS VISITS NORTH

Portland is Blanketed by Heaviest Snow Fall in Three Years
PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(UN)—A storm that swept in early yesterday from the Aleutian islands or some Arctic spot gave the city its heaviest snowfall in three years, provided sport for the youngsters and their new crop of Christmas sleds, but has done practically no damage and caused only slight traffic troubles.

Every railroad train is reported "on time." Even the Union Pacific is landing every passenger without delay, despite 24 inches of snow in the Blue Mountains. The Columbia river gorge is no longer a pleasure resort and business early in the day were unable to break through. All buses in other directions are operating on time. Street car traffic was slowed up and for a time a few lines had trouble, but at six p. m. the city superintendent's office reported every foot of track clear and schedules nearly normal.

Weather Observer E. L. Wells believes that the worst of the storm is past, but the temperature Thursday morning will drop to about 23 degrees. Cold weather will remain for another day or two. Seattle, Tacoma and North Head report clear weather.

Wife Ends Fight Over Her Fortune

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 20.—(UN)—The husband of "The Hetty Green of Chicago's LaSalle street," was in custody of authorities here today, following his arrest in Vancouver, B. C., on charges made by his wife that he fled with \$150,000 of her money. Mrs. George F. Scollard seeks to regain the fortune she claims her husband is trying to take from her. She claims Scollard deserted her in Argentina. The pair raced from South America to Bellingham, both using airplanes at times, to reach the Scollard vaults first.

Mrs. Scollard claims that she found only an old magazine in the vault. She arrived a few days after her husband. Scollard denies he is guilty, saying his wife turned over her fortune for him to manage and gave him power of attorney over her affairs. He waived extradition when arrested and returned to Bellingham with the sheriff.

ALBANY COLLEGE TO PLAY NORMAL SQUAD

Fast Basketball Game Predicted at Local Armory Tonight
What promises to be a whirlwind basketball game, will be staged at the armory tonight when Albany College will meet Ashland Normal in the first game of a two-game series. Albany defeated Ashland Normal at Albany last week and will come here prepared to do it all over again this evening—if they can.

In a preliminary game the normal second team will play Battery B of the local guard. The preliminary will start promptly at 7:30 and the main game will be staged immediately after the first game. The games will be staged at the Ashland armory.

Tractor School Will Be Staged At Ford Garage

Farmers will become students at the Claycomb Motor company tomorrow when the annual tractor school will be held from 9 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon. Tractor experts direct from the Ford factory at Detroit will be here to instruct local farmers in the use of tractors. They will take a tractor down and completely rebuild it. Mr. Claycomb has sent out a large number of invitations and welcomes all farmers in this section.

SAN FRANCISCO AUTO ROW HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Explosion of Unknown Origin Starts Fire That Does Heavy Damage
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Following a terrific explosion of uncertain origin a fire here early this morning, swept a section of the city's automobile row on Van Ness Ave., with an estimated loss of over three hundred thousand dollars. The flames raged, and apartment houses were shaken. Several of the business buildings were razed.

Missing Girl Phones Mother

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—(UN)—First information that Ouida Hughes, 18, missing since December 26, was alive, came today when her mother, Mrs. Willow Hughes, received a mysterious telephone message from the girl. "Please do not look any further for me," she said. "I am well and happy, but I do not want to come home."

Plenty of War Here at Home



MARINES ARE PREPARED FOR CHINESE DUTY

Orders Are Issued From Washington to be Ready to Leave
Anti-Foreign Demonstrations Are a Menace to American Lives
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(UN)—Orders have been issued to United States marines at San Diego, Cal., and the island of Guam to prepare for duty in China where American lives and property are menaced by anti-foreign demonstrations.

FACULTY WINS IN GAME LAST NIGHT

Second String at High School Winner in Slow Game
The second series of the city wide basket ball league was played on the new Junior High school gym floor last evening, the date having been changed to avoid conflict with the Normal vs. Albany game tonight. The first game of the evening was played between the Faculty and the Normal Seconds, the Faculty taking the long end of a 33 to 19 score. This, however, does not tell the whole story.

POSSIBILITY OF ARBITRATION IN MEXICO TO BE VOTED ON

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Favors Such a Step
KELLOGG WANTS VOTE
He Would Welcome an Extension From Members of Senate
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The senate foreign relations committee is expected to vote favorably on the Robinson resolution, proposing arbitration of the oil controversy with Mexico. A majority of the committee is in favor of the resolution. Secretary of State Kellogg has stated that he welcomes an expression of opinion by the senate. This leaves nothing in the way of prompt action by the committee. Action in the senate, however, may be delayed because a number of senators desire to discuss the question before voting.

WIDOW'S TESTIMONY DENIED BY WITNESS

Texas Game Commissioner Testifies in Ministers Case
AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 20.—(UN)—The testimony of Mrs. Roxie Parker, widow of a judge, that she appeared dramatically on the scene of the slaying of Dexter E. Chippis in the study of Dr. J. Frank Norris last July, was contradicted by R. R. Ridgeley, today, special Texas game commissioner, who said he sat in his par before and after the killing and saw no one go up or down the stairs to the place where the shooting occurred.

Will Broadcast

Arthur Hicks of the University of Oregon will broadcast a piano solo from the Eugene radio station, Friday evening, Jan. 21. Mr. Hicks is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Myers.

BOYS CARED FOR

The two boys, one aged 16 and the other 8, who were brought into Ashland the first of this week by Deputy Game Warden Roy Parr, are being taken care of by Miss Roberts of the Red Cross in Medford.

Substitutions

Substitutions: Faculty, Hughes for Walter; Howell for Hughes; Hughes for Cripe and Cripe for Howell. Normal Seconds: Breitnush for Beck and Beck for Hale. The second game of the evening was played between the High School Seconds and the Hi-Y Employed Boys, the High School emerging with the long end of a 17 to 13 score. This game was fast and scrappy throughout with Billy Hulen taking honors as high point man with ten points to his credit on field goals. The lineup was:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Position. Faculty: Howell RF, Forsythe LF, Cripe C, Caldwell RG, Walter LG. Normal Seconds: Gosnell Clary, Hale Ashcraft, Beck. Hi-Y Employed: High School Boys, Parks RF, Hulon LF, Riger Austin C, Prescott May RG, O'Grady LG, Hitchcock. Substitutions were: Hi-Y Employed Boys, Miller for Parks and Dunn for O'Grady. High School Seconds: Moore for Huger. The game between the Lithians and Battery B was postponed on account of conflicting dates making it impossible for the Lithians to have their team in the field. The games next will in all probability be played on Wednesday night as the Normal has a game on Thursday. The date of these games will be announced later.

Many Objections

Those who have given thought to the technical aspects of the proposal raise these objections:
1.—No overt act has occurred which could be arbitrated.
2.—Mexico is not likely to submit her constitution to arbitration as would be necessary if the basic point of the controversy is to be passed upon.
3.—Can the United States submit to arbitration the principle of the inviolability of legally acquired property rights?

Against Arbitration

Indications are that there is a good deal of opinion around the state department against arbitration, but that public opinion is exerting so much pressure that the administration feels disposed to consider the question thoroughly. Secretary Kellogg said the state department's policy has not been changed. It was also flatly stated that the state department has not yet committed itself to arbitration, but only to its willingness to receive the advice of the senate.

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