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REAL ECONOMY IS SHOWN BY LEGISLATORS

Many Thousands of Dollars Slashed by Ways and Means Body

EVERYBODY AFFECTED

State Prison, Hospital and Other Institutions Lose on Budgets

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Continuing application in economy in state affairs the ways and means committee has cut off thousands of dollars which had been asked for various state activities.

Hunters of predatory animals had been allowed \$40,000 at a previous meeting of the committee, but Thursday night this action was rescinded and it was voted to discontinue the appropriation entirely.

The state bureau of nursing, bureau of child hygiene, the board of pilot commissioners and department of Americanization all met the same fate. It was the sentiment of the committee that all these activities be discontinued except the pilot commissioners, who are placed on a self-sustaining basis.

Another Trimming

The state board of health underwent another severe trimming. It had asked for \$85,116 which amount has been reduced to \$75,445 by the state board of control.

The ways and means reduced it to \$40,000.

The department of weights and measures, which had asked for \$11,820, will receive \$7,022, the committee decided. It was understood that the man to be appointed as market agent will also take over the work now being done by the deputy state market, thus saving one salary.

The state prison request for \$419,000 for the biennium, the request of the state tuberculosis hospital for \$205,000 and that of the bureau of labor for \$15,500 were approved in full.

TRAIN KILLS ENTIRE BASKETBALL TEAM

Texas College Men's Lives Are Snuffed Out in Accident

TAYLOR, Texas, Jan. 22.—(UP)—The entire basketball team of Taylor University was killed near Round Rock today when a fast passenger train on the International and Great Northern Railway crashed into an auto bus bearing the college men and brought death to eleven occupants and serious injury to a dozen others. The team was enroute to Austin to play the Texas University tonight.

The players were making the trip in a special bus. Just outside of Round Rock the driver of the bus started across the railroad track, he either did not see the train or thought he could beat it to the crossing.

ACCUSED PREACHER OFFERS TESTIMONY

Rev. J. Frank Norris Takes Stand in Defense of His Life

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 22.—(UN)—Running the gamut of emotions the Rev. J. Frank Norris had his hour on the witness stand Friday in his trial on murder charges. The pastor wept, gestured, became defiant and at last calm and business-like while he related the story of his slaying of Dexter E. Chipps with whose death he is charged. The fire of prosecuting attorney "Wild Bill" McLean failed to scathe the pastor in an hour's cross examination while the cautious, methodical questioning of defense attorney Dayton Moses drew forth the story of the slaying last July 17 in a clear cut manner.

ALIMONY WILL COME AFTER TAX IS PAID

Uncle Sam Will Take First Crack at Chaplin's Money

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Mrs. Charlie Chaplin today took a bow to Uncle Sam. The government refused to step aside for the famous film comedian's estranged wife, and informed her that her alimony payments would have to wait until the back tax case against her husband was decided.

C. R. Nash, deputy chief internal revenue, said there is nothing in the treasury department can do to allow the alimony decree to take precedence over the government lien.

The \$1,000,000 lien filed by the collector of internal revenue at Los Angeles against property of the comedian takes precedence over every claim not of prior date, the bureau said.

No release of the Chaplin estate funds will be permitted until its extent is determined and the tax liability cleared, it was stated.

KLAMATH INDIAN IS GUILTY OF MURDER

Guy Sconchin Convicted of Killing Friend in Portland Court

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(UN)—A verdict of murder in the second degree was brought against Guy Sconchin, Medoc Indian, by a jury in federal district court at six p. m. Friday, after a trial before Judge Rudkin for the killing of McLelland Williams, another Indian, on the Klamath reservation last October.

Sentenced will be passed today by Judge Rudkin, he announced.

The penalty under this verdict may be any term between 10 years and life imprisonment, according to Deputy U. S. District Attorney Stearns.

M'ADOO PREPARES FOR NOMINATION FIGHTS

Will Speak Before Bar Association in Ohio in Few Days

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Democratic presidential aspirations have begun to stir again with discussions centering around William G. McAdoo and James A. Reed of Missouri.

McAdoo's close political associates arrived quietly in Washington Tuesday and will go on to New York to meet McAdoo there. It was learned that McAdoo is about to seize the standard of dry democrats. He is to make a speech before the Ohio Bar Association January 28, when he will assail wet democrats as nullificationists.

This is regarded here as McAdoo's first trumpet blast for the 1928 nomination and the revival of his old fight against Al Smith. McAdoo's friends have been active recently and preliminary activities in some southern states are understood to be under way.

Coincidentally it was learned that Senator Reed is to deliver an address at New York tomorrow night, which is expected to lay down his political platform of 1928. Reed disclaims any intention of seeking the presidential nomination and has announced that he will not run for reelection to the senate next year. However, the fact that he has chosen for his topic tomorrow night, "Current Topics," led many democrats here to feel that he was about to lay the foundation for a presidential candidacy.

Americans Must Get Protection

MANILA, Jan. 22.—All Americans living in Chinese districts controlled by the Cantonese government either must leave China immediately or seek the protection of the nearest guarded consulate or proceed to a seaport.

GRAFT CHARGE MADE AGAINST 'MA' FERGUSON BY COMMITTEE

Corruption in Executive Office Claim of Special Probe Body

REPORT MADE TODAY

Pardons and Paroles to Convicts Declare to be Greatest Shame

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Wholesale graft and corruption under the administration of ex-Governor Miriam Ferguson was charged Friday by a special legislative committee when its report was read to the state legislature.

Governor Ferguson's pardon orgy was especially denounced. Further, it is charged it was in reality James E. Ferguson who was governor of the state through his wife's proxy, and who manipulated executive matters for his own gain.

The investigation committee was appointed at a special session of the legislature several months ago, and spent several weeks in examining witnesses.

"At no time in the history of the state has there been such disgraceful disregard for the proper and just punishment of criminals and the safeguard of the people and property of this state," the report said in regard to "Ma's" pardons.

LACK OF BEAMS IN ROOF Baffles Men

Unable to See How Early Russians Built Riding Academy

MOSCOW, Jan. 22.—(UP)—Russia's "house of cards" still holds its secret. The magic construction of the old Imperial Riding Academy's roof, which doesn't have a beam, brace or pillar, has again baffled inquisitive architects and engineers who tried to find out how it was put together.

The roof of this huge old building apparently is carefully built up of small pieces of wood, each not more than one square foot in size, fitted and woven together to make a pinnacled, supported roof of great size and strength which has successfully withstood the weight of scores of Russian snowstorms and which still shows no sign of deterioration.

From the tankard floor of the great riding hall to the under-surface of the slightly-arched flexible roof, no beams, no braces, no supports of any kind, break the fine line of the building's interior. It is the only construction of its kind in existence. It was built long ago by a clever Russian engineer who died without divulging the secret of interlocking the small pieces of wood which make the roof.

Now once again architects have examined the construction in an effort to discover the magic combination, but they have learned nothing.

They cannot even discover where the keystone lies, the last block inserted by the artful builder years ago which holds the entire surface together, nor can they learn the exact shape of the roof.

They dare not cut into the roof to take out one of the bits of wood for examination, lest the removal of a single piece should cause the entire room to slide and tumble down like a house of cards.

The building is now used as a garage for government automobiles but it will again be used as a riding hall and stable as it is feared the vibration of automobiles may injure the roof.

From Buckhorn Lodge

C. W. McGrew and wife of Buckhorn Lodge are in Ashland today looking after business affairs.

Fall Unable to Attend Trial in Washington Soon

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, charged jointly with Harry F. Sinclair with conspiracy to defraud the government, will not go to trial in Washington, February 2, the date set for his hearing.

"To attempt a trip to Washington within two months would mean Fall's certain and immediate death," his physician, Dr. J. T. Safford said today.

ECONOMY WILL KILL NATIONAL DEFENSE

Senator Hale Warns Armaments Being Too Neglected Now

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Economy will kill national defense, Senator Hale today warned the senate in urging the adoption of the navy bill which includes funds for three additional cruisers and more aircraft.

In taking a definite stand for a larger navy, Senator Hale harked from the administration ranks and directly opposed President Coolidge and the budget bureau who advocate postponement on construction of the additional cruisers.

"The budget bureau cannot run the army and navy," Hale declared, "and any further economies can only be brought about by a decrease of our military strength."

Many Dead From Cold in Russia

LONDON, June 22.—(UN)—Two thousand Caspian sea fishery men have been frozen to death at Astrakhan, while hundreds of homeless waifs have met a similar fate in Crimea and Ukrainian cities during one of the coldest winter seasons ever experienced in Russia, says a Moscow dispatch to the Daily Mail.

Prisoner Hangs Himself in Jail

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Jose Lerra, 36, a Mexican, held in the city jail here after he had threatened to kill his estranged wife, hanged himself with his cell blanket today.

OHIO RIVERS NEAR FLOOD STAGE TODAY

Many Families Fleeing in Face of Rising Waters There

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Floods menaced Ohio today with every river in the state rising and in some instances threatening to inundate whole communities.

Thousands of residents in the lowlands were preparing for the worst and many families had moved to higher ground.

In Marietta downtown merchants moved their goods upstairs when backwaters from the Ohio and Muskingum rivers seeped over the lower floors. All highways leading into the town were flooded.

Many families at Athens moved out of their homes tonight and others were preparing to withdraw. Pain was predicted to tomorrow in many sections.

Large Narcotics Cache is Located

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Several weeks, state agents last night raided an alleged dope den here, confiscated several thousand dollars worth of narcotics and arrested four men and a woman.

Earl King was said to be the leader of the gang.

Tourists Robbed By Lone Burglar

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(UN)—A burglar who robbed Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mershon of Saginaw, Mich., of \$5,000 in jewelry while they were staying at a hotel last night, was caught tonight by deputy sheriffs. The thief was reported to have boarded a bus for this city.

Lita's Daddy is Married to Widow

PONCA CITY, Okla., Jan. 22.—(UN)—While Lita Grey Chaplin is trying to free herself from her first matrimonial bonds, her father, Robert E. McMurray, makes his second marriage venture. He was married here Thursday night to Mrs. Nell Benjamin, Ponca City widow.

SMITH PLANS TO CONTINUE SENATE FIGHT

Senator-Elect From Illinois Has Not Idea of Quitting

LAWYERS ARE ACTIVE

Another Hearing Before Committee Scheduled for This Afternoon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator-designate Frank L. Smith, republican, will continue to fight for a senate seat, it was announced today.

Smith was barred from taking the oath of office when the senate adopted the Reed resolution referring his credentials to the privileges and elections committee.

This afternoon Smith and members of the Reed investigating committee will be called before the privileges and elections committee by Chairman Ernst, Kentucky, republican, to represent their side of the controversy.

The special committee, headed by senator James A. Reed, Missouri democrat, discovered in an investigation of the Illinois primary that Smith had expended more than \$287,000 to gain the nomination.

Of this sum Smith admitted \$125,000 had been donated by Samuel Insull, Chicago public utilities committee.

Smith declined today to comment on the senate action or to disclose his future moves except to say that he probably would not appear in person at the committee hearings but would be represented by counsel.

Idaho Vandals Defeat Aggies

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 22.—(UN)—With less than a minute to go, Erickson, Idaho center, converted a free throw, enabling the University of Idaho Vandals to defeat the Oregon agricultural college here last night at basketball 29 to 28.

Secured Employment

Adrian Broil of Helman St. has secured employment with Mr. McDowell of Anderson creek, for awhile.

ALBANY COLLEGE BEAT NORMAL TEAM

Visitors Lose Out Victory, 20 to 18, in Exciting Game

Albany College assumed a back-to-the-wall attitude last night when their basketball squad took the floor against Ashland Normal, and they nosed out a close victory, 20 to 18, because they smothered Al Marske Normal shooting star, from the opening whistle to the last.

Albany kept the lead almost throughout the entire game with a couple of exceptions when the locals were tied or a lone point ahead. Marske negotiated but one field goal so close was the guarding against him.

The game was unusually rough throughout although but few fouls were called. For the visitors, Cox and Perry, forwards, each tossed four field goals into the baskets.

In a preliminary game, the Employed Boys' club defeated the high school second team, 14 to 12, in an exciting contest.

The line-ups for the main game were:

Albany—Cox and Perry forwards; Wilfert, center; Christie and Houston, guards.

Normal—Marske, Butterfield and Caldwell, forwards; Moore, center; Famsey and Kinney, guards.

PROMINENT ASTORIA CITIZEN IS KILLED

Frank Sanborn, Cannery Operator, Dies in Auto Plunge

ASTORIA, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Frank H. Sanborn, prominent Astoria cannery man, and one of the best known men in Clatsop county, was instantly killed Friday when his automobile plunged off the approach of the Skippoon bridge on the Warrenton cut-off.

Details of the accident are lacking, but it is believed the car stalled on approaching the turn.

His body was recovered at 2:30 this afternoon and E. B. Hughes, county coroner, was continuing to drag for the bodies of his companions, believed to have been occupants of the car.

ABSORBING PLAY TO BE OFFERED TONIGHT

Moroni Olsen Players Will Present "Outward Bound" at 8:45

Ashland theatre goers will receive a genuine treat at the Normal school auditorium this evening when the Moroni Olsen Players will present "Outward Bound," which has been declared by critics to be one of the most unusual and absorbing plays ever produced on the American stage.

These players were here early this fall and presented "Dear Brutus," which received an ovation.

Because of the store openings tonight, the curtain will not rise until 8:45 in order to permit merchants and clerks to attend.

New Lava Flow Expected Soon

HONOLULU, Jan. 22.—(UN)—A new lava flow is expected from Mauna Loa, Hawaii's famous volcano.

Geologists declared today that an increase in the number of earth tremors and avalanches in the Halemaumau pit at Kilauea, one of the craters of the Loeg Mountains, on the island of Hawaii indicated a combination of physical and chemical disturbances, which may result in outpourings of lava.

FARMER KILLED

CANBY, Ore., Jan. 22.—(UN)—Joe Elliott, 45, was instantly killed Friday while blasting stumps at his place one mile northeast of this city.

GEORGE YOUNG MAY BE GIVEN FAT CONTRACT IN HOLLYWOOD

Toronto Youth Who Swam Catalina Channel Makes Tests

FILMS WILL DECIDE Fate to be Known Today; Fat Vaudeville Offer is Reported

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Five hundred feet of film tonight held the secret of whether George Young, 17 year old conqueror of Catalina channel, is to be a movie actor, or is to follow the fortunes of the footlights in capitalizing on his swimming prowess.

Executives of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, which made the film tests, had not seen the film this evening, but were to scrutinize it tomorrow.

Seems Enthused

Young looked at the tests today with his manager, Doc O'Byrne and according to film company representatives was not overly sad with the result of his appearance before the movie cameras. He was said to have expressed the opinion that as a movie actor he was a fine channel swimmer.

\$50,000 vaudeville offer was reported tonight to await Young's acceptance if he concludes that the screen can get along without one more movie actor.

The youth who braved the cold waters of the Pacific to complete the 23 mile swim from Catalina Island to the mainland of California faced the batter of cameras as intrepidly as he did the icy channel. John Waters, director, who "shot" the ocean marathon yesterday, declared that George was the least nervous of 100 persons of whom he has made tests in the past year.

In Dentist's Chair

The film tests depicted the distance swimmer sitting in a dentist office. If anything arouses the emotions and shows the facial reaction of a proposed movie star any better than to tell him he is sitting in a dentist's chair, film directors don't know what it is. So they told the Catalina Island swimmer that he was to imagine he was sitting in a dentist's office. He hears the buzzing of the dentist's drill and the groans of an imaginary patient. When the thoughts of his own expected torture become too strong he reaches for his hat and bolts for the door.

Another test showed Young in his bathing suit going through setting up exercises. For it he takes part in the picture "Sheika and Sheba," he is to have a swimming role and win a swimming prize.

He will appear simply as "George Young."

Movie company officials explained that they have no intention of trying to mould the gigantic Toronto lad into a sheik.

House Committee Named By Carkin

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Representatives Graham of Forest Grove; R. S. Hamilton of Bond and McPherson of Albany were named by Speaker Carkin Friday as house members of the joint legislative committee of senate and house to investigate and provide for a re-organization of the administrative system of the state offices.

Textbook Probe Coming Thursday

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(UN)—Probe of the state textbook situation by the senate originally scheduled for Monday night has been postponed until Thursday, January 27, because of the inability to get witnesses here on the earlier date.

The hearing will be open to the general public and will be held in the senate chamber.

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