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HOUSE INSURGENTS WIN CONCESSION

Nelson of Wisconsin to Be Placed on Important Rules Committee.

Washington, D. C.—An agreement which may end the tie-up in the house over committee assignments was reached by republican and insurgent leaders.

Under the agreement a republican insurgent will be placed on the rules committee, which directs the house legislative program, and the democrats will be denied additional representation.

The truce between the republican organization and the house insurgents was made possible by the willingness of Representative Wilson of Connecticut, republican, to give up the place assigned him on the rules committee so that Representative Nelson of Wisconsin could be appointed to membership.

Except for giving the progressives representation on the rules committee, the republican leaders of the house have made no concessions in making up the committee lists. As the situation stands, the regulars retain control of the committees which handle legislation, but their hold on the rules committee, which controls procedure on the floor and is to consider proposed changes in rules, is somewhat precarious.

Demonstrations given in both houses of the ability of the progressive republican groups to make trouble have strengthened the general conviction that this session of congress will be marked by much talk but little action.

CONGRESS GETS TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon has reduced to definite form his tax reduction proposals and forwarded a complete redraft of the revenue act to the house ways and means committee for use in consideration of tax revision legislation.

The treasury secretary in a letter accompanying the redrafted measure, noted that the reduction programme "appears to have met with a most favorable public reception" and advised Acting Chairman Green of the committee that treasury officials are prepared to present at any time arguments in support of the proposed revision.

In an analysis of the changes proposed, Mr. Mellon placed first the 25 per cent reduction on incomes below \$4000 and the additional credit of 25 per cent to be granted on earned incomes, showing that in the case of earned incomes of \$4000 or less the reduction really amounts to about 45 per cent.

RANCHERS HID ROBBERS

Farmers Bribed for \$1500, is Alleged Confession.

Florence, Or.—Jack Herring and Neils Bergam, veteran ranchers of the country 11 miles north of here, are under arrest after having confessed to harboring the three men who held up and robbed the Florence State bank last Tuesday.

It was reported in connection with the arrests, although not yet confirmed, that Herring and Bergam admitted splitting \$1500 given them by the robbers as the price of a hiding place while possemen encircled their avenues of escape in every direction.

Then, conscience-stricken, according to reports reaching here, Herring called an officer and told of the deal, and soon afterwards Bergam was arrested.

Bergam is said to have first hidden the bank robbers to protect the good name of the family of one of the robbers.

Allies Will Ask Daws to Serve.

Paris.—The reparations committee officially announced that it would extend invitations to General Charles G. Dawes, former director of the American budget, and Owen D. Young, New York lawyer and banker, to be the unofficial representatives of the United States on the expert committees which are to investigate Germany's financial position.

Filipinos Ask Wood's Recall.

Washington, D. C.—The plea of the Filipinos for independence was presented Saturday for the first time to the Coolidge administration. Manuel Roxas, head of the Philippine mission to the United States, accompanied by Pedro Guevara, resident commissioner, appeared before Secretary Weeks and later before President Coolidge.

33 Perish in New Mexico Blizzard.

Albuquerque, N. M.—The blizzard which claimed 33 lives in New Mexico and stranded about 300 tourists for three days took an inestimable toll in cattle and sheep.

The civil service commission has been requested by the postoffice department to hold examinations for the selection of postmasters at Boring, Dufur, Freeewater, Harrisburg, Hood River, Merrill, Myrtle Creek, Oregon City, Redmond and Sheridan.

On January 20 the Willamette river will be closed to all commercial fishing, according to an order issued by the state fish commission. This is for the purpose of allowing the spring run of Chinook to go unobstructed up the river to the spawning grounds.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the state corporation department by the Portland Pulp and Paper company, a new concern, which announces that it will build a large plant on the peninsula in North Portland on the Columbia river. The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000.

About two billion feet of virgin timber, largely pine but with a sprinkling of fir, in the Oregon National forests, south of Friend in the southern part of Wasco county, will be placed on the market by the government forestry service as soon as a complete cruise has been made.

Umpqua valley will have a bumper crop of turkeys this year, according to all reports, and interest already is becoming keen in the Thanksgiving market. Estimates are that the Thanksgiving birds this year will exceed last year's crop by fully 10 per cent, and the Christmas market will be equally in excess of last year's.

Repeal of the state income tax, enacted at the last session of the legislature and approved by the voters at a special election held November 6, will be urged through an initiative petition filed in the offices of the secretary of state by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter. The petition will go before the voters of the state at the general election in November, 1924.

There were four fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending November 15, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Cyril Avritt, Black Rock, faller; Howard Peterson, brakeman, Waldport; Hossie A. Stephens, Valsetz, liner, and Leroy Smith, Portland, boom man. A total of 642 accidents were reported.

Avard Fairbanks, head of the department of sculpture in the art school at the University of Oregon, is completing a design that will be a model for the trail-markers to be erected by the Old Oregon Trail association. The markers will be of bronze, 26 inches in diameter, and will be placed on boulders at various points along the trail, according to the plan of the association.

Mystery that came to light when the wasted body of a woman whose skull was fractured, weighted under rocks, was found Saturday morning, November 4, in the Columbia river, 15 miles above the little town of Umatilla, is believed to be well on the way to solution when the body was identified as that of Mrs. Edna Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, ranchers in Eagle valley in Baker county.

Allocation of the funds in the year's budget for the state game commission was made by the commission at its regular monthly session in Portland. Some of the items in the budget are as follows: Hatcheries, \$119,000; warden services, \$90,000; scientific and education purposes, \$13,900; game farms, \$30,000; predatory animals, \$5000; office and incidental expenses, \$45,000. The budget aggregates about \$225,000.

The stenographic force in the offices of the Oregon public service commission at Salem has completed the transcript of testimony in the somewhat celebrated case involving the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. The transcript contains more than 10,000 pages of closely typewritten matter and cost approximately \$5000. The aggregate expense attached to this case has been estimated at \$60,000, of which amount the telephone corporation paid more than \$35,000.

I. L. Patterson of Eola, Polk county, for several terms a member of the state senate and candidate for governor at the last republican primary election, drew automobile license No. 1 for 1924, in the annual drawing of automobile plates held in the offices of the secretary of state in Salem. License No. 11, which is one of the most sought-after plates, went to Forrest L. Moe of Hood River, while license No. 23, also a favorite among many drivers, was drawn by M. F. Tyler, of Portland.

The determination of the interstate commerce commission to maintain Columbia basin railroad rates as at present, by which Portland and Vancouver obtain a general average of 10 per cent advantage in rates on all classes and commodities moving from south of the Snake river and against shipments from the same territory to Seattle, Tacoma and Grays harbor cities, was evidenced again at Washington, D. C., when a petition of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for a rehearing of the original case out of which the differential grew was dismissed without comment.

COOLIDGE FREES WAR PRISONERS

Amnesty Granted to 31 Violators of War Laws Remaining in Prison.

Washington, D. C.—The plea for amnesty which has been presented repeatedly to three national administrations was granted finally by President Coolidge in commuting the sentences of all remaining imprisoned violators of war laws.

The action of the president will bring about the release before Christmas of 31 men now serving sentences in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for violation of the espionage act. Two of these men were convicted at Kansas City in 1919, along with 24 other alleged members of the I. W. W.; nine of them were convicted in Chicago, together with William D. ("Big Bill") Haywood, general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., and the others were found guilty in Sacramento in 1919.

The commutations of sentence were granted upon recommendations of Attorney-General Daugherty and a special commission composed of former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker; Bishop Brent, former chaplain of the A. E. F., and James G. Harbord, former assistant chief of staff of the army.

NINE LIVES LOST IN WRECK OF SCHOONER

Marshfield, Or.—Nine members of the crew of the lumber schooner C. A. Smith dead, one volunteer life-saver lost, and fourteen of the Smith's crew saved—seven of them after a night of terror on the doomed craft—is the outcome of the wreck of the vessel on the jetty here Sunday morning.

There were twenty-three men on the craft when she attempted to put to sea in the teeth of a raging gale, and from the moment she reached the lower harbor the vessel's plight was such that coast guard men began preparations to go to her assistance. Pounded by monstrous seas, she broached to twice, the second time being fatal to the craft, the combers carrying her onto the hidden rocks of the jetty before she could regain her course.

The Smith, a typical lumber schooner, left here Sunday morning with 1,500,000 feet of cargo for San Pedro, and proceeded down the bay, battling an onshore gale every foot of the way.

INCH BOARDS WILL BE THIN

Lumber Producers and Users Agree to New Standards.

Washington, D. C.—One hundred and sixty-five representatives of the lumber industry and Secretary Hoover, in conference at the commerce department, adopted a scale of standardized lumber measurements.

The conferees agreed to reduce the number of lumber sizes from 26 to 12, and fixed the "lumber inch" at 25-32 of an inch for standard boards and 26-32 for extra size standard boards for special requirements. Two-inch studding was fixed at 1 1/4 inches for standard and 1 3/4 inches for extra standard.

These and other standard measures agreed on will go into effect July 1, 1925.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover declared the adoption of the standardized measurement would mean not only a saving of millions of dollars in production and manufacturing costs, but was calculated to benefit home owners and those who hope to become such.

Yakima Man Heads Irrigators.

Yakima, Wash.—Joseph Jacobs, Seattle engineer, designer of the famous Pershing stadium erected in Paris following the world war, is the new president of the Washington Irrigation institute. M. Moulton of Kennewick and J. N. Faust of Ellensburg were named vice presidents, and Guy C. Finley of Yakima, secretary-treasurer.

Borah Not Candidate for Presidency.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Borah of Idaho "is not a candidate for the presidential nomination of any party," he said here in discussing a prediction of Frank E. Johnesse at Boise, Idaho, that he would soon announce his candidacy for president on the progressive ticket.

Mexican Ambassadorship Declined.

Washington, D. C.—R. B. Creager of Brownsville, Texas, has declined the offer of President Coolidge to become ambassador to Mexico. It was announced at the White House.

Daughter of Late James J. Hill Dead New York.—Mrs. George T. Slade, daughter of the late James J. Hill, railroad magnate, died at her home here.

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