

BRIGADIER GENERAL OUT TO GET ARMY AND NAVY FORCES

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Unless the army and navy "get" Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, "Bully" inevitably is going to "get" them.

Mitchell declares surface armies and navies are obsolete, or nearly so—that aviation is the "whole thing."

As assistant chief of army airmen, his words have weight.

His challenge is one the army and navy can't afford to ignore.

More will be heard from it unless Mitchell is discredited, promptly and thoroughly.

Surface armies and navies cost like everything. If they really are no good any more, the country, which pays for them, is sure to let a blood-curdling yell to congress to cut their appropriations right off.

An economy of \$605,504,533—which is what the army and navy cost during the fiscal year 1924—will be mighty popular with the taxpayers, too. If it can be justified, as "Bully" Mitchell says it can't, "Bully" is up in next congress.

The present congress won't get much of this reaction to Mitchell's assertions. There won't be time between now and March 4. There'll be plenty of time before the next congress meets in December, however, and army and navy men realize it full well.

The question is: How, in the meantime, can Mitchell be squelched?

Mitchell himself has been accused openly of insubordination and disobedience of orders. Before a court martial, probably, some of these charges could be made to stick.

Even if not driven out of the service, his advancement in it might be blocked. Mitchell isn't a full-fledged brigadier. He classes as one only while he remains assistant aviation chief.

Colonel is his actual rank. Deprived of his present assignment, he would be demoted in effect.

This would punish him, but would it shut him up?

Possibly it would shut up an officer whose bread and butter depended on his job, but Mitchell is independently rich.

The army or navy officer of orthodox West Point or Annapolis education is sensitive to his fellow professionals' attitude toward him.

Not a West Pointer. But Mitchell isn't a West Pointer. He rose from the ranks.

More, he is contemptuous of West Point and Annapolis men.

He says their training is out of date. Wrong ideas are drilled into them deliberately. Their instructors, he maintains, so over-emphasize the importance of surface armies and surface fleets that they're incapable of grasping problems of the air.

He considers himself fortunate in having escaped this curse. He told the congressional investigators so.

Thus, rather singularly, though one man is opposed to the entire army and navy of the United States, the odds are rather on his side.

It is more than likely he will be forced out into civil life, but what then?

Why, he says he'll run for congress. His father was a senator. He has the political flair. If he runs the chances are he'll be elected. In the house of representatives he might be a greater grief to army and navy men of the old school than he is now.

MEASURES TAKEN UP IN FAST ORDER

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prohibition commissioner's office to the state board of pharmacy.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—In the face of opposition from the house roads and highways committee, the senate today, by a vote of 34 to 23 voted to concur in senate amendments to house bill 413 levying a high fee rate on buses and trucks operated as common carriers.

The senate raised the millage rate of three-eighths of a cent a mile per passenger seat on buses and per ton capacity on trucks to three-quarters of a mill on buses and one mill on trucks. The senate also amended the law so as to exclude all peddlers trucks, oil trucks, grocery and bakery trucks and others running outside of corporate cities from provisions of house bill 413 raising their rates.

Power Bill Killed

Senator Joseph's joint resolution number 7 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to engage in hydro-electric development was killed in the senate today.

Joseph's joint resolution number 10 providing for a change in the recall provision of the state constitution was adopted. The Joseph amendment provides that in recall elections no candidates for the office shall be voted on and in event the official is recalled his successor would be appointed by the appointive power. Only Senators Taylor and Dunn voted against the resolution.

Parole Carh Put Off

Representative Hurlbert's joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment whereby the legislature could curb the power of the governor to grant parole and pardons was indefinitely postponed.

Oregon is not to get a divided session of the legislature or increased pay for members of the legislature.

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Jazz Heir to Play at Inauguration

Son of Wealthy Opera Patron to Attend Big Ball



Roger Wolfe Kahn, 17, son of Otto H. Kahn, wealthy opera patron, is himself the leader of a jazz band and has just been chosen for the honor of playing at the charity inaugural ball in Washington, March 4.

the senate today killing by indefinite postponement house joint resolutions 18 and 17, providing respectively for those amendments to the constitution.

House joint resolution 16, providing for consolidation in state government, was indefinitely postponed.

Others Postponed

Other measures killed by indefinite postponement in the senate included H. B. 355, Carlin, allowing appeal to board of control from tax levies made by counties and municipal corporation.

S. B. 252 (Substitute for S. B. 62), regulating automobile mechanics.

The house today passed house bill 510 permitting railroads to acquire water rights for necessary operating purposes. The bill is a substitute for house bill 152 passed, but vetoed by the governor as he deemed it inimical to the interests of land and water owners of the state. The former bill gave the railroads wide water right powers.

The amended bill, which is said to be satisfactory to the governor, specifies that not more than 10 cubic feet of water per second may be acquired by condemnation proceedings.

House bill 416 providing for a classification of denuded lands for reforestation was passed yesterday afternoon by the house with 16 dissenting votes. The measure was voted down last week, but ordered reconsidered.

England has more than 300 varieties of beetles in its fresh water lakes and rivers.

COURT OPENED FOR SPRING TERM HERE

Circuit court opened this morning for the spring term and 10 of the panel of thirty-one called for jury duty were excused by Judge G. F. Skipworth. Later this afternoon four or five more names will be selected from the jury list to complete the panel of 24. No new grand jury has yet been named by Judge Skipworth and the present jury may hold over.

The first criminal case on the docket is slated for March 2 when L. R. Edmondson on an appeal from the justice court in a liquor case will have a trial. The first civil case on the docket today was W. A. Taylor versus Clarence Grimes and J. L. Guthrie.

Other cases set on the docket to follow are: L. M. Travis versus William Kercher.

Hattie B. Schneider versus Roy A. and Ray C. Palmer.

R. H. Stroed versus Oregon, Pacific and Eastern railway.

J. M. Moore versus Barney Oldfield, William Zmaiff versus Earl Gates.

Fred L. Ross versus Richard Shepard.

Jesse Darling versus A. H. McDonald.

LANE GRAND JURY AGAIN REPORTS

One true bill and one not true were brought in by the grand jury this morning. The indictment was found against Ernest Eller charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in issuing a check without sufficient funds. Charles Bartlett, who was held on a charge of larceny, was released as no indictment was found against him. Eller was arraigned this afternoon and tomorrow at 9 a. m. will enter his plea. Bartlett's parents were here today from Los Angeles to take the youth home.

Harry Morrison indicted on a charge of uttering a forged check; Ivan K. Koch, charged with uttering a forged check, and W. E. Bezz charged with neglect of his two minor children, all pleaded not guilty when they appeared before Judge G. F. Skipworth this morning. The three men were indicted by the grand jury Saturday.

Slender Fish Line Saves Boy's Life

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 24.—Harrie Harper, 13, was drowned when a large wave swept him and his companion, Jerome Paulston, 15, off a rock on which they were playing at the seashore.

Young Paulston was saved by the presence of mind of a bystander who cast a slender fishing line toward him and pulled him ashore when he grasped it.

HOSPITAL MANAGER ARRIVES LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special).—C. W. Forde Jr., of Kansas City, who has been engaged as business manager for the Longview

Memorial hospital, has arrived in Longview and until the building is completed, will spend most of his time in a study of hospitals in the Pacific northwest and the selection of equipment.

CYCLONE SWEEPS 30-FOOT SWATH

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 24.—A path 30 feet wide through the business district in Crescent City, Cal., was swept yesterday when a small cyclone hit the town, according to details received here today. Seven buildings were damaged, with a total loss placed today at about \$20,000.

The cyclone came in off Battery Point at 10 o'clock, and ripped off roofs of business houses as it went along, also taking some residences off their foundations. The air was full of falling shingles and debris.

Residents of the city say the shape of the water was plainly visible. After passing over the city it started up into the mountains and appeared to be going up into the air. It did not strike the ground at all during its rapid trip through the coast city, moving along at a height some feet above the earth.

The buildings suffering the worst damage were the warehouse of the dock company, the Masonic hall, the Alpine restaurant, Cutting's carpenter shop, the Hobbs Wall store, Bedderts theater, the grain warehouse. Several residences were damaged. The roof was taken off the theater building. No person was injured.

Rotary Founding To be Celebrated

Twentieth anniversary of the founding of Rotary was celebrated by the Eugene Rotary club at its luncheon meeting in the Osburn hotel today. The table was decorated with flags of the 28 nations, and each flag was held up as Dr. William B. Neal described the organization and number of chapters represented in that country.

David John Jones led the singing of Rotary songs and Frank Joe, Chinese tenor from the school of music, University of Oregon, sang a solo.

An address was given by E. R. Bryson on the sixth article in the Rotary constitution. This article has to do with the efforts of the club to bring about international peace. Mr. Bryson discussed the object of the club in making the abolition of war as one of its goals.

Grazing of Flocks In Forest Pending

Arrangements for the ranging of a band of sheep on the Mount Hebo area north in the Siuslaw national forest are being discussed between R. S. Shelly, supervisor of the Siuslaw district, and H. A. Lingren, animal husbandry expert in the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Shelly states that the ranging of the sheep will be an aid in fire prevention as the flocks will eat the browse earlier in the summer and thus eliminate the danger of the dry grass later in the season. It has been several years since sheep have grazed

Chinese Confesses To U. S. Marshal

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—Paul Wong, Chinese teller at the Northwestern National bank, who disappeared a month ago, and who was indicted by a federal grand jury charged with defalcation, surrendered today to the United States marshal. He confessed to defalcations totaling \$5049, United States District Attorney Coke, announced. His bail was set at \$5000.

ELKS NOTICE

Regular session of Eugene Lodge No. 357 B. P. O. Elks Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 7:30 p. m. Nominations of officers for the ensuing term.

CATHOLIC LENTEN SERVICES PLANNED

Services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church every Wednesday and Friday nights during the lenten season, announces Rev. E. V. O'Hara, pastor of the Catholic church. These services will be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and will be in addition to the regular Sunday services of the church. Benediction will be on Wednesday evenings and stations of the cross on Friday evenings.

Beginning next Sunday morning, Father O'Hara will deliver the first of a series of three lectures on Christianity. The subject of Sunday morning's lecture will be "Why the Christian Religion is Dogmatic." March 8 the subject will be "Jesus Christ of Christianity," and on March 15, "The Mysticism of Christianity." The public is cordially invited to hear these sermons.

A series of instructional meetings on the Christianity of the home will be held at the church every Wednesday evening, starting soon, announces Father O'Hara. Six priests in upper Willamette valley towns will exchange pulpits for these meetings. The towns represented are Corvallis, Albany, Marso, Lebanon, McMinnville and Eugene. The speaker at the first meeting will be announced later.

Osborne C. Wood Will Face Charge Of Passing Check

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas News Agency from Biarritz this evening, stated that a formal complaint has been lodged with the Biarritz police against Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippines, in connection with the alleged issuance of a worthless check. It was added that the complaint would be transmitted to police department headquarters at Bayonne tonight and that it was expected a warrant would be issued there tomorrow or Thursday.

Peter C. Crockatt To Speak to Lions

Dr. Peter C. Crockatt, of the department of economics of the University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker at the noon meeting of the Eugene Lions club to be held at the Osburn hotel tomorrow. Dr. Crockatt will speak on "Transportation in Oregon." A delegation of members of the Eugene club will go to Corvallis tomorrow evening to attend a banquet and meeting held there for the purpose of organizing a new Lions club. The club will be installed within the next few weeks.

Cigarette Bill Repeat Favored

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—The senate today passed a cigarette bill repealing the old law barring the sale of cigarettes in Kansas. The measure goes to the house.

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Lane Assessor at District Meeting

Ben F. Keeney, Lane county assessor, today is at Dallas, Oregon, attending a meeting of the assessors from Lane, Benton, Polk, Marion, Yamhill, Clackamas and Washington counties, comprising the membership of the Willamette Valley Assessors' association. This meeting was called in order to discuss methods of assessing livestock and personal property. Conditions are similar in all of these counties, and also problems of assessment, and the meeting is expected to result in discussions that will be a guide to the various county assessors," Mr. Keeney said.

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