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OMMITTEE BACKS AIR ORGANIZATION

viation Expansion Urged With Slight Changes In Present System

OOLIDGE GETS REPORT

ew Department Opposed By Unanimous Decision

ITCHELL CAUSES PROBE

ree Assistant Secretaries Who Will Have Charge of Flying in War, Navy and Civil Life Held Need

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Ex- sion of military and naval avia- n but without drastic change in present organization, was rec- mended today to President olidge by the special board ap- ointed by him to investigate the ndition of American air power.

The board's report concurred in all of the nine members, em- atically opposed establishment f a department of national de- se or a unified air service, pro- sals endorsed by Colonel Mit- ell, whose public criticisms of e war and navy departments ad- inistration of aviation preceded e board's inquiry.

Special Representation Plan

The board's recommendations cluded:

Creation of three additional as- ant secretaryships to handle ation problems.

Special representation of avia- n on the army general staff.

Representation for naval avia- n in the office of the chief of al operations and the bureau f navigation. Designation of the my air service as the army air rps.

Adoption by the government of continuing aviation policy to en- ourage better commercial air- aft development.

Elimination of governmental mpetition with civil industry in ircraft production.

Assistance to commercial avia- n through the establishment of ways and air posts.

More Generals Wanted

Provision for two more briga- r generals for the army air rps.

Continuation of flight pay for l aviators and the conferring of mporary rank upon air officers commensurate with the duties as- gned them.

In presenting its report, the ard said "no solution at this me can be lasting" and thought was most important "to lay em- hasis upon the best method of chieving the desired result."

"To that end, we rely chiefly pon the appointment of an addi- onal assistant secretary of war, ssistant secretary of the navy and ssistant secretary of commerce, o devote themselves under the di- ection of their respective heads, rimarily to aviation and to co-or- inate so far as may be practica- le, the activities of their three epartments with respect to avia- ion."

Pilots Would Be Licensed

The additional assistant secre- ary of commerce, it suggested, hould be placed at the head of bureau of civil aeronautics, hich would supervise air ports, anding fields, airways, inspection f planes and the licensing of pi- ots. Commercial aviation, it aid, had been retarded by the ack of basic air laws, a fear of ir hazards by prospective passen- ers, and the excessive burden ased upon private capital to ecure in development of airways nd other matters contingent to ommercial air activities.

Divided into three parts the re- ort first answered questions aised during the inquiry, empha- izing the board's opinion that ilitary and civil aviation "should emain distinctly separate." Re- erring further to civil aviation, it aid:

Military Control Opposed

"To organize its peace-time ac- ivities, or what it is thought may ultimately be one large branch of hem, under military control or on military basis, would be to make he same mistake which, properly r improperly, the world believes rmania to have made in the last eneration. The union of civil nd military air activities would reed distrust in every region to hich our commercial aviation ought extend."

The board also stated that it did not see any force in the ar- ument that building up of a large ir power—partly military and artly civilian—would be a peace uarantee," adding:

"Those who believe in the pre- onderating effect of air power, owever, are not talking of dis- armament when they suggest the acrifice of battleships. They are talking of discarding the weapon hey think is becoming useless."

AVERN KEEPER KILLED

ON BELIEVED CONNECTED WITH SHOOTING

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Dec. 2. — Mrs. ssie Thomas, 50, negress, pro- rietor of the Dixie Tavern, near ortland, was shot and killed at he tavern some time between 7:30 nd 8:30 o'clock tonight.

County sheriffs began a search or the woman's son, Frank, aged , on the theory that he either ommitted the murder or knew s did it. The son, who has been aving trouble with his parents for ome time, according to the fath- r, has not been seen since the urder.

The father, Oliver F. Thomas, ound the body of his wife in a edroom on the second floor of the avern, after returning from a trip o town, he told deputies.

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather

For Oregon: Generally cloudy; normal temperature; light west winds.

Yesterday's weather in Eugene: Maximum temperature, 50 degrees; minimum, 37; precipitation, .24 of an inch; wind from southwest; stage of river, 2.6 feet.

Eugene and Vicinity

Student Reporter for the Morning Register Undergoes Operation. Page 8.

Debate Date at University is Changed. Page 8.

High School Convention Delegates Arrive Today. Page 8.

Plays Chosen by High School Dramatic Club. Page 8.

Bridge Over Willamette to Get Extensive Repairs. Page 8.

Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 Celebrate. Page 8.

Campaign for Funds With Which to Carry on United Christian Work at University Starts Today. Page 8.

Yeggmen Blow Safe at Leaburg Postoffice and Get $25. Page 8.

More Divorces Granted. Page 3.

Students Hear Lions at Assembly Held in High School Yesterday. Page 2.

Funeral is Announced for Mrs. Sarah E. Thompson, Pioneer of Oregon. Page 5.

Traffic Man on Duty Here is Major in National Guard; Graduate of Benning. Page 5.

Long Resident Here is Dead; Mrs. Augusta M. Goodnough Passes Away. Page 2

Students Appear in Life Insurance Selling Contest. Page 2.

Campaign for Orphan Home Fund is Started. Page 8.

Rescue Work Starts at Pacific Christian Hospital. Page 5.

I. O. O. F. Officers to be Installed Page 5.

Local Officer Returns from Salem; Checks Lists of Local Reservists. Page 3.

Kiwanians Will Elect Officers at Meeting Next Monday. Page 8.

Medal Award in American Legion Essay Contest is to be at University This Morning. Page 5.

Registrar Appointed in Eugene and Lane County for Rabbit Breeders. Page 3.

Local Resident Dies: L. E. Girton Passes on Eve of Wedding Anniversary. Page 3.

Christmas Plans Made by Condon Parent-Teacher Association. Page 8.

Football Team Feted by Hi-Y Club at Y. M. C. A. Last Night. Page 3.

Oregon Sheep Winners and Prizes are Won by Monroe Man at Chicago Show. Page 5.

Red Cross on Skinner's Butte is Mystery; Believed Klan Signal. Page 3.

Film Engineers Here to Lay Out Building Sites for Movie Colony. Page 8.

Broccoli Yield Higher and Acreage is Doubled in Roseburg Territory. Page 3.

Delegates are Named for Eugene High School at Press Conference. Page 5.

Relief Work Planned: Salvation Army Benefit Concert to Be Given. Page 5.

Milk Report is Made by City Inspector. Page 5.

Eulogy Delivered at Funeral of E. Schwarzschild. Page 3.

Asphyxiation Cause of Death of Ducks in Klamath Marshes. Page 1.

New Gravel Train Put on to Haul Ballast to Terminal Site. Page 3.

Road Action on Zsukai Damage Case Postponed. Page 8.

Animal Census Taken in Cascade National Forest. Page 3.

Road Orders Made by County Court. Page 3.

Order Vacating all Roads Through S. P. Terminal Made. Page 8.

Bridge Span Arrives For North Fork Structure. Page 8.

Lane County and Oregon

Battery Shop at Springfield Gutted by Early Morning Blaze. Page 10.

Maxey is Chosen Park and Industrial Board Head at Springfield. Page 10.

Postal Receipts at Springfield Show Big Increase. Page 10.

Library Board to Elect Officers For Year Soon. Page 10.

W. O. W. Officers Elected at Meeting Held at Springfield. Page 10.

Fletcher Gives Talk on Co-operation at Cottage Grove Commercial Club Meeting. Page 11.

Goshen Grange Meets With Guests Present From Creswell and Willakenzie. Page 11.

Additional News Notes and Personals. Pages 10, 11 and 12.

Sports

Knights of Columbus Entertained by Card of Matches Last Night. Page 6.

Carl Miller is Here; Not Knocked Out in Boxing Match in California. Page 6.

NEW LABORATORY READY

CONSERVING FISH SUPPLY WILL BE STUDIED

(By The Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 2.—With the arrival of Dr. W. H. Rich, head of the division of scientific inquiry for the United States fisheries board, first steps toward the location at the University of Washington of the western federal fisheries laboratory were completed here today.

A laboratory has been installed where investigations will be undertaken to determine better methods for conserving the supply of fish, and where research work on the migrations of salmon will be taken up.

Dr. W. F. Thompson, head of the international fisheries commission, has been at the university for several weeks with a corps of ten assistants who represent California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia.

PORTLAND TO GET AID

RAFFERTY TO SEND FIVE MEN NORTH FOR WEEK-END

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—Acting on reports that a wave of crime has hit the city of Portland, T. A. Raffety chief inspector of the state traffic department said today that he had decided to send five traffic officers to Portland to aid police there on Friday and Saturday nights of this week. The state men, Mr. Raffety said, would be used to patrol the east side district.

LEADERS JOIN TO AID LA FOLLETTE

Party Conference Called For Coming Saturday May Take Action

STATUS IS UNCERTAIN

Republicans Consider Past of Senator-Elect

SPEECHES ARE STUDIED

Leaders in Fight on Insurgents in Conflict Two Years Ago Now Favor Recognizing Wisconsin Man

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—Senate Republican leaders opposed to raising any question of the Republicanism of Senator-elect La Follette of Wisconsin, were busy today consolidating their forces, but they still were without definite assurances that the question would be brought to an issue at the party conference called for next Saturday.

There were reports that some leaders, among them Senator Butler, Massachusetts, chairman of the Republican national committee, were not inclined now to go along in this direction with Senator Curtis of Kansas, the majority floor leader; Senator Moses, New Hampshire, president pro tem of the senate; Senator Smoot of Utah, and Senator Jones of Washington, the Republican whip.

No Statement Given

Senator Butler declined to make any statement other than to say that the matter of Mr. La Follette's political status was still one for "consultation." Senator Watson of Indiana, vice-chairman of the conference, still was studying speeches made by Mr. La Follette in his recent campaign and which some senators insist constituted attacks on the Republican party.

Formal Invitation Sent

Formal invitation for Mr. La Follette to attend Saturday's conference was sent to him today by Chairman Curtis. Mr. La Follette would not indicate whether he would participate in the party council.

Senator Edge of New Jersey, who led the fight a year ago to read four of the insurgents of the senate out of the party councils joined forces with those who favor recognizing the Republicanism of the newly elected Wisconsin senator.

HOOD RIVER PAYS HIGH

REPORT GIVES AVERAGE OF TEACHERS' SALARIES

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—The highest salaries received by men teachers in the state of Oregon are paid in Hood River county, according to a report issued today by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of schools. An average salary of $206.24 is paid in that county. The lowest average salary is paid by Washington county where men teachers get only $112.77. Klamath county ranks highest in salaries for women teachers, an average of $146.30 being paid. The lowest salaries received by women teachers in Oregon are paid in Union county where $100.65 is the average.

ASPHYXIATION CAUSE OF DEATH OF DUCKS

GAS COMES FROM MARSHES IN KLAMATH COUNTY

Health Officials and State Game Commission Agree on Question

Asphyxiation, not botulinus nor mud poisoning, is resulting in the death of waterfowl, especially ducks, in Klamath county, hunters have been informed by health officials of Klamath. The asphyxiation of the waterfowl is the result of marsh gas, known to chemists as methane, it is explained. The gas is common in the marshy country of Klamath county.

Health officials report that the knowledge that the wholesale death of the Klamath waterfowl is attributable to the marsh gas came after extensive experiments were made. Tests gave no reaction to botulinus or any poison which might be in the mud.

First knowledge that marsh gas is responsible for the death of the waterfowl came after a fire was started near a place where bubbles of gas were issuing from the soggy earth. It was found that the gas from these bubbles is inflammable. Bubbles of methane gas come up through the water in many places frequented by ducks.

Marsh gas, or methane, is common in marshy sections, having as one source of origin the decaying vegetable matter in the flooded lands. The will-o-the wisp, or ignis fatuus, seen frequently in marshy country, is believed to have its origin in the combustion of these bubbles of methane gas.

Thousands of waterfowl have died in the Klamath country this season. The Klamath health officials say that the state game commission and state health authorities now agree that the marsh gas has been the cause of the death of the many ducks and geese.

SALE OF MILLS LIKELY

CROWN WILLAMETTE COMPANY MAY CHANGE HANDS

(By The Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The Chronicle will say tomorrow that negotiations are under way for the sale of the properties of the Crown Willamette Paper company to a banking group headed by Blyth, Witter and company, in association with the Continental Commercial bank, Chicago, and Blair and company of New York. Engineers and experts, the article says, are at work determining the value of the properties, which are estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of $100,000,000.

The Crown Willamette Paper company began its manufacture 40 years ago and has mills at Lebanon, Warrendale, West Linn and Oregon City, Oregon, and at Stockton and Floriston, Cal. The company controls the Pacific Mills, Limited, of British Columbia, in addition to a number of printing plants at Los Angeles and other points.

MINT CROP PROFITABLE

FIFTY ACRE TRACT BRINGS IN $27,000

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—From a 50-acre tract in the Labish district north of here, Hartly and Craig, mint growers, took a crop this year that they sold for $27,000. About 40 pounds of peppermint oil was produced to the acre and the oil was sold for slightly less than $14 a pound. If they had held the oil until the present time, they say, they would have cleared nearly $60,000 as the price has greatly advanced.

BRIAND PRESENTS PLAN FOR FINANCIAL REFORM

ISSUE OF PAPER MONEY MAY BE INCREASED

Effect of Locarno Treaties Not Enough to Remove Cabinet from Danger at Home

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The newly constituted cabinet of Aristide Briand early this morning received two votes of confidence in connection with its proposed project for the rehabilitation of French finance.

The first vote, 298 against 113, came on a motion to discuss the bill, article by article when the general discussion closed.

The second came on the rejection of an alternative bill, introduced by M. Bokanowski of the opposition group, providing for three billion francs inflation of currency for the government's immediate needs and leaving the other points in Minister of Finance Loucheur's bill for inclusion in a comprehensive reform plan to be taken up later. The vote in this instance was 362 against 186.

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 2—Premier Briand went before the chamber of deputies today with his ministerial declarations on the government policy with reference to restoration of financial stability.

The finance minister, M. Loucheur, introduced his bill providing for raising the limit of the issue of paper money from 51,000,000,000 to 58,500,000,000 francs, which will be referred to the finance committee. Later the committee adopted the bill without modification.

The halo of Locarno peace and good will which M. Briand brought back from London did not appear to change the attitude of the political workers at home and at the cabinet's life after the ministerial declaration is still in jeopardy.

Inflation to the amount of 7,500,000,000 francs was the weapon with which the opposition assailed the ministry. The bill was referred to the finance committee, which demanded a suspension of the session and this was carried 415 to 154. Though the finance committee accepted the bill without modification later, the cabinet is certain to meet with a stubborn fight in the open chamber.

M. Briand seemed tired and dejected as he read the declarations. M. Loucheur's inflation bill which followed immediately caused the already frigid temperature in the chamber to go still lower.

INSULL MEDAL GIVEN

MEDFORD MAN HONORED FOR SAVING LIFE

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 2.—The 45th Insull medal to be awarded in the nation and the first in the Northwest for life saving by resuscitation, was presented to Howard Dynan of the California-Oregon Power company here last night, by John B. Fisken, prominent electrical engineer of Spokane, Wash., who preceded the presentation with a speech on accident prevention and resuscitation, before several hundred members of the power company force.

Dynan saved the life of Burt Green, a fellow employe who was shocked with 34,000 volts in Klamath county some time ago. The power company also has two other applicants for similar honors.

Spanish Government Changes

(By The Associated Press)

MADRID, Dec. 2.—The plan to constitute a government made up of civilians to take the place of the military directorate, has been confirmed.

The new government, it is announced, will be sworn in tomorrow.

THE "NEW" FREEDOM

RECLAMATION WORK DECLARED SUCCESS

Brighter Future Predicted For Settlers on Land Within Projects

POLICY HELD CORRECT

3,000,000 Acres of Desert Made Productive

MANY ARE GIVEN HOMES

Depressed Farming Conditions Blamed for Failure on Part of Number of Holders to Meet Payments

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. — The government's reclamation policy was defended in a statement issued today by Chairman Smith of the house committee on irrigation and reclamation. He cited figures to show the value realized on reclamation projects and predicted a brighter future for settlers.

"The reclamation policy which the government adopted in 1902," he said, "has been a great economic success, regardless of unfavorable criticism because of failure of settlers on some of the reclamation projects to meet their obligations promptly. There is no active the government which, over a period of 20 years, can possibly show such wonderful results for the amount expended. Of $200,000,000 expended in construction work, nearly $50,000,000 is represented by payment on contracts, the remainder coming from receipts of public lands, oil leases, etc. The value of this year's crops on these reclamation projects is nearly $120,000,000.

Revenue Is Large

"Nearly 3,000,000 acres of desert land have been transformed into nearly a billion dollars worth of national wealth, which brings to the county, states and federal government, millions of dollars annually in taxes.

"Nearly 500,000 people are now living on these projects as a result of their reclamation, many of whom have acquired a competency. These settlers purchase annually over $500,000,000 worth of manufactured goods, mostly from other states.

"But for the fact that some projects were undertaken which were unfeasible from an engineering standpoint, the cost of construction would not have been excessive and those advocating the reclamation policy would not have been embarrassed and we would not have been confronted with any failures if localities had been selected where soil and climate conditions were more favorable.

"On many of the projects this year the gross value of average production per acre will exceed $100. On some projects specializing in the growth of fruit and potatoes the gross value of the crop per acre will exceed $1000.

Annual Overhead Large

"It is not surprising that farmers on some of the irrigation projects have been unable to meet their payments, in view of the depressed condition of agriculture throughout the country, especially in view of the fact that the irrigated farmer has an annual overhead expense on construction charges and operations and maintenance of canals which farmers living in humid sections do not have.

"The increased price of farm products is attracting many settlers to unopened opportunity in reclamation projects and new projects which are in contemplation and settlers in the future will be able to profit by mistakes made by settlers heretofore on irrigation projects in planting their crops."

PARK MEASURE PASSES

TEN BILLS ADOPTED BY WASHINGTON SENATE

(By The Associated Press)

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—The senate passed 10 of the 18 bills placed on its calendar for the afternoon session today, many of the measures being amendatory to existing statutes.

Among measures passed were: H. B. No. 108, allowing the state parks committee to acquire for park purposes by purchase, gift or condemnation proceedings, privately owned land contiguous to state parks, though not situated on a highway or to use state land so situated for park purposes. The present law requires that the land be located on highways.

Senate bill No. 114, which provides a more expeditious procedure for condemned land for highway purposes.

S. B. No. 115, prohibiting use of road rights of ways for private uses and providing special legislation for the removal of buildings or other obstructions placed on them.

S. B. No. 116, which among other features would permit the state to acquire property and remove obstructions to insure greater vision of the road ahead for motorists.

S. B. No. 118 fixing the width of the rights of way of future state roads at 100 feet.

MEDFORD MAN IS ROBBED

FIFTY DOLLARS TAKEN FROM STATION PROPRIETOR

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 2.—The first holdup in this city during the past year occurred last night shortly before nine o'clock when F. J. Wilmot, service station proprietor, was bound, gagged and robbed of $50. Because of darkness, no description of the man was obtained and the police have made no arrests. For over a week now, Medford has had some robbery or small theft every night.

PERFECT BOY AND GIRL SELECTED AT CHICAGO

MILKING COWS AGREES WITH ALICE DURKHART, 15

Athletics and Regular Habits Practiced by Winners in Physical Contests

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Kings of the barnyard and field have been named at the International Livestock exposition but the climax came tonight with selection of the most perfect boy and girl in America. Alice Durkhart, 15, of Audubon county, Iowa, was chosen as the most perfect girl and George Cuskaden, 14, of St. Paul, Indiana, won the honors as the country's most perfect boy. The selections were made by competitive physical examination of more than 600,000 farm boys and girls, members of the girls and boys agricultural clubs.

Defects are Slight

The healthiest boy and the healthiest girl from each state in the union met here for the final examinations this week. Alice Durkhart scored 95.7 per cent. A slight cold from exposure to Chicago weather and too little muscular development of the arms were her only defects. The boy scored 97.7 per cent, his only flaws being one filled tooth, slightly enlarged nasal passages and a hardly perceptible tendency toward flat footedness.

The girl is five feet five inches tall, weighs 131 pounds, milks the cows, rides horseback, swims, plays tennis and basketball, but drinks neither tea nor coffee. She goes to bed at 9:30, gets up at six and walks four miles to school.

She is a junior in high school, wants to become a teacher, and is the fifth of six children.

Many Activities Followed

George Cuskaden, five feet seven inches tall and weighs 155 pounds. He is an athlete, playing on his high school basketball, baseball and is on the track team.

Cattle, swine and sheep, prize winners of the show today began paying the price for their glory. Scores of the blue ribbon holders went under the hammer, most of them for slaughter. Good prices were brought. Tomorrow among the cattle to be auctioned will be Mah Jongg, the grand champion steer, and "king of the fairies," prize winning bull of the Prince of Wales.

WEST OROWA HELPLESS

ADMIRAL DEWEY COMING TO AID OF VESSEL

(By The Associated Press)

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 2.—Helpless because it is unable to steer, the West Orowa, about 2000 miles out from Portland en route to Japan, tonight was awaiting the arrival of the steamship Admiral Dewey, it was explained in radio messages intercepted here.

The West Orowa lost its rudder and part of its stern in a storm. The Dewey started on its way to aid the West Orowa last night but developed engine trouble. The West Orowa radio operator tonight was unable to communicate with the Dewey.

In messages earlier today the West Orowa reported its position as latitude 49 degrees and 53 minutes north, longitude 178 degrees, three minutes west. Although the weather has been calm, wind and sea were rising, the West Orowa reported.

PRINTING OPEN TO BIDS

COST OF MAKING LISTS IS BELIEVED TOO HIGH

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—Following the receipt of a letter from a Portland firm that the state motor vehicle license lists could be printed by them at a cost less than that now paid to the state printer, the state printing board at a meeting today decided to put the printing of the lists on a competitive basis. About 1200 of the lists are now printed monthly under the direction of the secretary of state and are distributed among peace officers. The cost to date for this year has been over $12,000.

VETERINARIANS ELECT

STAYTON MAN NAMED HEAD OF NEW SOCIETY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—The Willamette Valley veterinarians association was organized here today by a group of practitioners from many valley points. Dr. G. T. Kornick, Stayton, was elected president of the new organization; Dr. R. J. Nichols of McMinnville, vice president, and Dr. Fred W. Lang, Salem, secretary. Twelve veterinarians were present. The territory from which the membership will be drawn extends from Portland to Grants Pass.

POTATO CROP IS LARGE

DESCHUTES COUNTY SHIPS OVER 60 CARLOADS

BEND, Ore., Dec. 2.—More than 60 carloads of Deschutes netted gem potatoes have been shipped out of Deschutes county this fall and approximately 35 carloads are in storage pending shipment, according to W. T. McDonald, county agent. Total shipments for 1924 were between 35 and 40 carloads.

While the actual acreage in potatoes during the last season was less than 1924, the yield was greater by an average of 30 sacks to the acre, according to McDonald. He estimated the acreage in potatoes in 1925 at 1200 acres.

Force to Be Reduced

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 2.—Because there are no large irrigation construction projects in view in this section of the state, the engineering and office force of the United States reclamation office here will be gradually reduced from now on, it was announced today, by W. D. Newell, project manager for the Klamath irrigation district.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AGREES ON TAXES

Inheritance and Automobile Levies Reduced and Bill Sent to Printers

CUT NOW $330,000,000

Rebate Will Be Allowed on Cars Held In Stock

NEW RATE 3 PER CENT

Measure Expected to Be Introduced in Opening Session and May Break Record for Speedy Legislation

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Reaching an agreement today on inheritance and automobile taxes—two of the main controversial items in its tax reduction bill—the house ways and means committee sent the measure to the printers carrying provisions drawn to cut the annual federal tax burden by about $330,000,000.

In return for a provision allowing a rebate to automobile dealers of the difference between the old and new taxes on cars which they have on hand when the latter becomes effective, the committee received a pledge from automobile manufacturers not to urge complete elimination of the passenger car tax. The bill would cut this rate from 5 to 3 per cent.

Retroactive Plan Abandoned

The provision in the bill allowing a retroactive reduction in inheritance tax rates was eliminated, although the revised inheritance schedules for the future were retained.

The committee also voted today to repeal the tax on deeds and conveyances amounting to 50 cents on each $500 transaction, the ten cent stamp levy on voting proxies and the 25 cent stamp tax on papers granting the power of an attorney.

Chairman Green was instructed to introduce the bill at the opening session of the house Monday, and he intends to ask that it be taken up for consideration on the second day of the session, a record breaking program for speed on such a measure.

A fight for repeal of the automobile passenger car tax had loomed as probably the most serious obstacle confronting the bill in the house. The automobile manufacturers told the committee that as originally drawn the provision was likely to result in a slackening of trade with dealers and customers holding back purchases to get the benefit of the revised rate.

Reduction Effective Soon

The provision agreed upon provided that the reduction shall be effective 30 days after enactment of the bill, and that dealers who have paid the old taxes to manufacturers on cars shall recover the difference.

This was estimated by Chairman Green to represent a revenue loss of about $2,000,000.

Explaining the committee's action in rescinding the retroactive inheritance tax cut which would have eliminated the increased rates inserted in the present revenue act while it was before the house at the last session, Mr. Green said, revised estimates of the treasury showed it would mean a loss of $70,000,000 to the government this fiscal year.

LIGHTER TERMS ASKED

UMATILLA SHERIFF WANTS CLEMENCY FOR MEN

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—R. T. Cookingham, sheriff of Umatilla county has written Governor Pierce urging executive clemency for Art Spinning, John Fehlen, Jack Wright and J. S. Swanson, prohibition law violators. The two former were sentenced to a year in jail to pay fines of $1500 each.

"Both these men have wives and children and were in straightened circumstances which caused me to make a plea to you for clemency and a parole," writes the sheriff. "These men have both pledged me that they will never touch or handle liquor again, and I believe them."

Wright and Swanson were sentenced to serve 60 days and pay fines of $500 each for bootlegging. They have served their time and have no money to pay their fines. The sheriff says he thinks they have reached the point where they are determined to reform. He favors cutting their fines in half. All four have jobs promised them and are willing, the letter says, to work and pay their fines in monthly installments. The district attorney and the judges are said to concur with the sheriff.

STUDENTS SKIP CLASSES

"PEP" RALLY HELD WHEN TEAM COMES HOME

(By The Associated Press)

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 2. — Nearly 2500 of the 2700 students of Washington State college "skipped" all classes this afternoon to celebrate the return of the Cougar football team from Los Angeles, where it beat the University of Southern California last Saturday, 17 to 12.

The students walked out from classes despite the warning issued last night by faculty members against any such action. Although granted two hours' freedom from classes in the morning, the students were unsatisfied and at a meeting last night organized to make the celebration an all-day affair.

The activities were confined to a "pep" rally in the college auditorium, a parade and two matinee dances in downtown halls. No disorders were reported by college authorities.