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EST BEATEN BY FANATICAL GROUP

eaux Janitress Asked Appear Before Body of Investigation

K AGES RECALLED

d of Sect Thought Under Spell Cast By Father

L SPIRITS CAST OUT

e of Sick Called Upon to Attd Case of Woman Victim Is Attack by Followers of Religious Order

(By The Associated Press)

OMBON, Department of Seine arne, France, Jan. 5.—Marie n, a janitress of Bordeaux, in 1904 founded the fanatical er of Our Lady of Tears" has judicially summoned to appbefore the local authorities are investigating a mysterious k on Abbe Des Noyers, the h priest at Bombon.

e attack of Father Des Noyswho was scourged with cords members of the fanatical orsavors of the dark ages.

mbon, a village near Melun, the seat of Marshal Foch's quarters at one time during war. To th's town, intent on lling "from the body of er Des Noyers the spirit of which possessed it" came a persons from Bordeaux, e of them aged women. They ded the priest's sacristy, ped and gazed him and proed to scourge him. The priest left in such a serious condition doctors say he will be unable resume his ministry for at least nth.

All Believed Mad

he prosecutor's first impulse hearing the story told by the bers of the "order of our lady tears," was to pack all conent off to a mad house, but he ed by releasing ten women and ging in custody Albert Froger, ookkeeper, and Maurice Lour, son of a wealthy farmer who d become a street sweeper to ify his pride."

t is alleged that Father Des yers himself was a member of sect and that many sick perscame to him to have evil fits exercised in accordance h medieval procedure.

It is believed that Marie Mesmin l be charged with being the inator of the attack, since all the ric pants were her followers d referred to her as "our saint." day she claimed that Father s Noyers was casting a spell er her.

Father Des Noyers said that he t the mysterious Mesmin woman during a pilgrimage. He reed that she had instigated an tack similar to that which he ffered upon an Assyrian archiandrite named Sabougi several ars ago for the same reason. He as called upon by the authorities the diocese to attend her case.

Treatment Brings Relief

"I did not find her possessed of demon, but rather sick," Father e Noyers said, "so instead of ing exorcism I treated her with pping glasses. She seemed betr after that visit and thanked me t thereafter she pretended that stead of relieving her I cast ells upon her."

The priest added that the Mesn woman had denounced him nd declared she would take justice into her own hands and that hen 12 strangers entered the hurch prior to the attack his old ousekeeper had a premonition nd told him "they are people of Bordeaux."

No Help Given

The prosecutor has been struck y the fact that the priest's parshioners did not intervene, although they knew him to be closted with strangers who already ad threatened him. He was also urprised to find that the aggressors all belonged to the upper middle class. The ten women who were released on their own recogizance were either of independent means or young students. All were convinced that the "health of our saint depended" on the carrying out of their mission. "She is in his grip," they asserted. "He is not a priest, he is a demon."

STEED'S SALARY HIGHER

SUPERINTENDENT TO GET $1800 A YEAR

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—A salary increase from $1500 to $1800 a year was granted by the state board of control today to J. Lyman Steed, the new superintendent of the state school for the deaf, who assumed his duties Saturday. The salary of Mrs. Steed as matron remains at $720.

The salary increase was granted in lieu of allowing moving expenses of Mr. Steed and family from Philadelphia, which amounted to $750.

A salary increase from $60 to $75 a month was granted the night nurse at the state soldier's home at Roseburg.

ALASKA PIONEER DIES

VETERAN PUBLISHER EDITOR OF NEWS MINER

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 5.—William Fentress Thompson, 62, pioneer Alaska newspaperman, died here Monday of pneumonia. After a period of sickness Thompson was working at his desk yesterday and appeared in good health.

Thompson, up to his death, was manager of the Tanana Publishing company and editor of the Fairbanks News-Miner, established in 1903 and the only daily newspaper in the interior of Alaska.

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather

For Oregon: Cloudy and unsettled; no change in temperature; fresh west becoming south winds.

Yesterday's weather in Eugene: Maximum temperature, 55 degrees; minimum, 46; precipitation, .27 of an inch; wind in southwest. Stage of river, 2 feet.

Eugene and Vicinity

Lions expect leader to visit Eugene in February; plan dinner. Page 8.

Mental test explained by Professor Howard Taylor at Rotary club. Page 8.

Stage line is sold; H. C. Hickman disposes of interests in Eugene-Bend company. Page 8.

Benefit association officer coming to install local officers. Page 8.

Graduate nurses elect Mrs. Iva Button Dhenin president. Page 8.

Planning commission to meet with regents on zoning plan. Page 8.

Lodge officers installed at Odd Fellows' temple last night. Page 5.

Four are jailed; alleged auto thieves returned from Roseburg. Page 5.

Examination date set at Eugene high school for January 20, 21. Page 8.

Comrades meet today; Spartans spend evening with W. P. Walter, leader. Page 8.

Older boys will meet at Y. M. C. A. Sunday to arrange conference plans. Page 8.

Singers plan duets; churchmen long parted meet in Eugene. Page 8.

Lecture is announced at university; Portland man to speak on South America. Page 8.

Street lights on Ninth avenue urged by improvement club last night. Page 8.

Legionnaires respond and give membership campaign impetus. Page 8.

Cemetery upkeep urged; I. O. O. F. committee asks local support. Page 5.

Indians of church club adopt "Willamette" as tribal name. Page 8.

Shower party given; R. A. Pilcher store staff entertained. Page 5.

Bible study books here for Pioneer and Comrade clubs. Page 8.

Church service today by Episcopalians; celebrate feast of Epiphany. Page 5.

Mrs. Yoran improving slowly according to word from Merced. Page 5.

Farewell party given for Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butt. Page 5.

Baby Betty is home again and in her mother's arms. Page 5.

Levitski, world famous pianist, coming. Page 5.

Timber cut report of two forests is made. Page 8.

Gooseberries sent in from Big creek look like Royal Anne cherries. Page 8.

Boy keeps promise made more than ten years ago not to smoke and is rewarded. Page 1.

More car owners cited in for traffic law violations. Page 8.

Glee club tour planned in March. Page 8.

Teaching record of Dr. Cloran is unique. Page 8.

Station work started by Standard Oil company at Ninth and Pearl. Page 8.

Farmers' project committees are announced. Page 8.

Poisoned baits set out for coyotes. Page 8.

Roads getting maintenance work these days. Page 5.

Comrades will debate for Lions' cup. Page 5.

Mail carrier returns from Walla Walla. Page 5.

Club will use high school shops for farm mechanics. Page 5.

School site and transportation of pupils discussed at College Crest. Page 8.

Lane County and Oregon

Postal report is made by Springfield postmaster; last three quarters show increase. Page 2.

Meeting plans made at Methodist church; many members added. Page 2.

Rebekahs install officers for coming six months at meeting. Page 2.

Odd Fellows to install heads at Springfield meeting tonight. Page 2.

New Year party held at Cloverdale. Page 2.

Birthday party for C. E. Potter at Walterville. Page 2.

Street repairs planned by Creswell council. Page 2.

Oakridge has attack of grippe; rainy weather looked to for relief. Page 2.

Chamber of commerce meeting and election of officers held at Cottage Grove. Page 2.

Additional news notes and personals. Pages 2 and 3.

Sports

Freshman hoop squad to play in Portland. Page 6.

Al Karasick and Hand matched for mat bout at Heilig. Page 6.

Carney and Clarke draw in Winter Garden fight. Page 6.

HOUSE BILL APPROVED

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKS ON MEASURE

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Secretary Mellon expressed his approval of the house tax reduction bill, in general, to the senate finance committee today and it started actual work on the measure, passing over important controversial propositions, however, for future decisions.

Republican members indicated a willingness to follow the administration in support of the house bill, but action on the vital income tax rate provisions was postponed at the request of some Democratic members.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the committee, later called the Democratic members into conference and it was announced they would present a program calling for several changes in the bill. No details of their plan were disclosed, but the program is expected to call for greater tax reduction than proposed in the bill as passed by the house.

The committee did approve the "earned income" section of the bill, which increases from $10,000 to $20,000 the maximum amount on which the 25 per cent reduction under this classification might be applied.

...LOSES IN FIGHT ON M'CAMANT

Senator Is Unable to Force Consideration In Open Executive Session

TWO MORE VOTES NEEDED

Nomination to Come Up For Action Next Week

CONFLICT TO CONTINUE

Struggle Comes as Outgrowth of Action of Judge at Chicago Convention When Coolidge Was Nominated by Him

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Johnson, Republican, California, lost another skirmish tonight in his fight to prevent senate confirmation of the appointment of Wallace McCamant of Oregon to the ninth federal circuit court bench. Seeking to force consideration of the nomination in "open executive session" instead of behind closed doors, Senator Johnson lost out on two close votes.

The nomination then went over until next week, when the California senator will continue his opposition.

Pledge Violation Charged

The fight which Mr. Johnson is conducting is an outgrowth of the 1920 Chicago convention, at which Judge McCamant nominated President Coolidge for the vice-presidency. The judge was a delegate from his home state, and Senator Johnson claims that, although instructed to vote for him for the presidential nomination, the judge violated that pledge.

"Judge McCamant violated the laws of his state and broke faith with his people," Senator Johnson said after the senate action tonight. "A man who will not obey the laws of his own state is unfit to administer the laws of the United States."

Two Thirds Vote Needed

When the McCamant nomination was called up in executive session Senator Johnson moved that it be considered in the open. Vice-President Dawes ruled that since this in effect constituted a suspension of the rules, a two-thirds majority was necessary.

The senate sustained him, 37 to 34, after nearly two hours' debate.

Senator Johnson then moved that there be an open executive session but the motion was lost, 39 to 34 against, the proponents failing to marshal the required two-thirds majority.

"SUNBURN" IS POPULAR

WEIGHT OF $20 STOCKINGS ALMOST NOTHING

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 5.—"Sun burn" as a popular shade in dress and complexions, has arrived in London simultaneously with the foggy seasons.

Some of the finer grades of "sun burn" silk stockings, which cost $15 to $20 a pair are so light in weight that they will not turn the balance of an ordinary scale.

"Sun Burn" complexions are easily obtained by those who have not the time or inclination to visit the Riviera merely by taking violet ray treatments once or twice a week at about $2 the sitting.

MACKAY NOT INCLINED TO FORGIVE OR FORGET

BERLIN'S FATHER-IN-LAW IS ANGRY AT DAUGHTER

Postal Telegraph Head Doesn't Care Where Song Writer Goes for Honeymoon

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Clarence H. Mackay let it be known today that he intends neither to "forget nor forgive", the secret marriage of his debutante daughter, Ellin, to Irving Berlin, popular song writer and former singing waiter in Bowery saloons. Through another son-in-law, Kenneth O'Brien, Mr. Mackay revealed himself as unaltered in his opposition to the romance and "not interested," in the present whereabouts of the runaway couple.

His assumption of the role of the unrelenting rich father left only one element missing to make it a perfect story book plot—the kind that might have been staged with some of Irving Berlin's sentimental songs as accompaniment.

Humble Cottage Lacking

The daughter of the millionaire president of two great companies has run away with the young man of her choice, against the wishes of her father—but she isn't going to do any humble cottage with him to share his honest poverty.

Instead the young couple are in seclusion in the presidential suite in the Ritz-Carlton at Atlantic City, and they are booked to sail Saturday on the Leviathan, occupying again a presidential suite, which costs $5000 a crossing.

Income Thought Sufficient

If Mr. Mackay's lack of forgiveness has exiled his daughter "forever" from Fifth avenue to Broadway, she apparently will not suffer so far as wealth is concerned. Berlin who once juggled beer trays in Nigger Mike's Place on Pell street, is reputed to have an income of $300,000 a year from his songs and to be worth $1,500,000.

He lives in a luxurious roof garden cottage atop an apartment in West Forty-sixth street.

MRS. THAW HAS CHANCE

ACTRESS TAKES POISON IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who early today tried to kill herself by swallowing poison, tonight was reported resting quietly at a hospital here, although still in a serious condition.

Doctors who at first believed her suicide attempt would prove fatal, said she had a chance to recover because she had been drinking alcohol, which is an antidote for the poison she took.

The divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw, and who several years ago had tried suicide, offered little explanation of her act, except that she did not want to live and was tired. She had been filling an engagement as a cabaret entertainer here and was scheduled to leave today for Florida to fill a similar engagement.

Mrs. Thaw's 15-year-old son, Russell, who is here from the east for a holiday vacation was with his mother when she tried to end her life. Mrs. Thaw's negro maid summoned him and he prepared an antidote and hurried her to the hospital. His prompt action, doctors said, helped her chances for recovery.

U. of W. Enrollment Heavy

(By The Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—The University of Washington set a new enrollment record of 6,206 students for the winter quarter, beating the previous high record of 6,149 made last quarter when registration closed tonight. Classes are not overcrowded, despite the heavy registration, it was said.

MITCHELL DECISION IS CONSIDERED IN HOUSE

MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL ASK FOR WEEKS LETTER

Representative Tillman Praises Record Made by Colonel in Aviation Controversy

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. — The Mitchell court martial decision again drew attention in the house today, Representative Tillman, Democrat, Arkansas, asserting that the verdict means the "end of a first class fighting man."

Meanwhile, the house military committee, complying with a resolution by Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, decided to ask the war department for a copy of the letter written by former Secretary Weeks opposing reappointment of Colonel Mitchell as assistant army air chief.

Mr. Tillman, who several weeks ago assailed the court martial verdict, declared that "the curtain now drops on the colonel."

"Mitchell, the brilliant flier, told the truth in a very blunt and soldierly way," he said. "He exposed with candor, but like a plain fighter will, the faulty methods of the haughty higher-ups and then the uniformed high brows composing the military tribunal broke his sword and stripped him of his honor."

The representative also read a letter from his son, Fred A. Tillman, praising Mitchell, under whom he served as a lieutenant in France.

HOUSE ADOPTS MEASURE

OLYMPIA LEGISLATURE HAS QUIET SESSION

(By The Associated Press)

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 5. — In marked contrast to the stormy scene in the house yesterday when the lower body of the legislature adopted a resolution censuring Governor Hartley and charging that he had abused his constitutional privilege in the special message which he read before a joint session earlier in the day, the senate today adopted the resolution almost without a murmur by a vote of 25 to 14, three senators being absent.

Senator Metcalf moved the previous question immediately after the resolution was read, shutting off debate and the senate then voted down an amendment proposed by Senator Grass and later defeated a motion by Senator Conner to table the resolution.

Voting for the resolution included Senators Barclay, Bishop, Cleary, Conyard, Davis, Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Jacobson, Karshner, Landon, McCauley, Metcalf, Morgan, Morthland, Murphy, Myers, Oman, Post, Shaw, Smith, Somerville, Sutton, Westfall, Wilmer; total, 25.

KLAMATH SCHOOLS CLOSE

MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC IS FEARED BY PARENTS

(By The Associated Press)

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 5.—All grade schools in Klamath Falls were ordered closed for an indefinite period by the school board at a meeting last night. This action was taken because of the demoralized condition of the school, with more than 30 per cent of the pupils absent.

In announcing its action, the board said the schools were not being closed because of fear of the meningitis epidemic, but because the parents are refusing to send their children to school until the epidemic has subsided.

Whether or not the high school also will close will be decided by the high school board at a meeting scheduled for today.

CHANGING HELP—

STATE INCOME TAX TO APPEAR AGAIN

Grange, Farmers' Union and Teachers' Association to Back Measure

INITIATION IS STARTED

Voters to Decide Anew at November Election

DENNIS RESOLUTION UP

State Federation of Labor Fails to Send Representative to Meeting to Arrange for Obtaining Signatures

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—Another attempt will be made to have the voters of Oregon adopt a state income tax not withstanding that such a tax was expunged from the statute books at the general election in November, 1924.

The new drive has the backing of the state Grange, the Farmers' Union, organized labor and the state teachers' association. The program calls for initiating the measure anew and submitting it on the ballot next November.

Measures are Opposite

On the ballot will also appear the so-called Dennis resolution which is in the form of a constitutional amendment proposing that neither a state income tax nor an inheritance tax shall be levied in Oregon until 1940. The new measures, the resolution and the proposed income tax will be diametrically opposed to each other.

To get started on the state income tax a meeting was held here today by committees appointed by the Grange, the Farmers' Union and the teachers' association.

20,000 Names Carried

The state federation of labor's representative failed to appear at the conference. No action, aside from general discussion, was taken today but it was said that as soon as the income tax bill is drafted the various organizations sponsoring it will get busy with initiative petitions. About 20,000 names will be needed to get the measure on the ballot and these signatures must be compiled and filed with the secretary of state in July.

SESSION IN DEADLOCK

MINERS AND OPERATORS NOT ABLE TO AGREE

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. — "Still deadlocked" apparently described the situation in the negotiations between anthracite miners and operators who are attempting to end the hard coal strike now in its fifth month.

Shortly before seven o'clock tonight, after a session of nearly five hours, announcement was made that the joint conference of six miners and six operators had adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. With this announcement came the following message: "The conference met this afternoon and continued consideration of the possibility of reaching an agreement. The discussion was along the lines of previous sessions." No amplification of this statement could be had from either side.

COURT CHANGES PLAN

SENATE PASSES BILL FOR NEW PROCEDURE

(By The Associated Press)

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 5.—The senate today passed house bill 149, changing the criminal procedure in state courts, after adopting a number of amendments, the purpose of the bill, its proponents asserted, is to facilitate disposal of criminal cases. Under the measure as passed, prosecuting attorneys need not endorse the names of state witnesses on criminal informations; attorneys for the defendant must file objections to the court's instructions to the jury while the jury is considering the verdict; and an application for a new trial must be made within two days after the verdict of guilty has been returned.

DORMITZER FINED $200

ATTORNEY IS COMMITTED TO LINN JAIL

(By The Associated Press)

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 5.—Paul C. Dormitzer, Portland attorney, was fined $200 in the justice court here when he was found guilty of a charge of possession of liquor. Dormitzer immediately filed notice of appeal and was committed to the county jail when he was unable to furnish the appeal bond of $250. He will be charged in the city courts tomorrow with liquor violations. The jury was out 12 minutes. Dormitzer was arrested here New Year's night. He is said to have had a quart of liquor in his possession.

GUARD PREVENTS ESCAPE

W. B. RICHARDS IS FOUND HIDING UNDER CAR

(By The Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 5. — W. B. Richards, convicted in Woodland of the robbery of the Bank of Italy branch, was foiled in a daring attempt to escape from the Folsom prison this afternoon by Captain of the Guards Lankin. Richards, who operated a fashionable hotel at Klamath Falls, Oregon, when he robbed the Woodland bank of several thousand dollars, was found hiding under a freight car which had just been loaded with stone from the prison quarry, Warden J. J. Smith said. A large knife was in his possession.

BOY KEEPS PROMISE NOT TO SMOKE; GETS NEW HAT

E. EUGENE CHADWICK KEEPS HIS PART OF AGREEMENT

Ten Years Ago Darwin Scheuer Agrees Not to Use "Weed" and Is Rewarded

Ten years ago at Albert Lea, Minn., where he then resided, E. Eugene Chadwick, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, told Darwin C. Scheuer, of that place, that if he would not smoke until he was 21 years old he would buy him a new hat.

The boy remembered the promise and a few days ago reminded Mr. Chadwick of it. In a letter to the chamber secretary he said that he had kept his part of the agreement. Mr. Chadwick in reply said that he had often wondered how young Scheuer was withstanding the temptation to use the "weed" and congratulated him on keeping his word. He enclosed a check for enough to buy him a good hat.

The young man wrote that he was just entering a school of pharmacy.

COURT ACTION OPPOSED

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL ACTS ON DISPUTE

(By The Associated Press)

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 5.—Resort to courts to settle college sorority disputes was denounced here tonight by the Pan-Hellenic congress in national convention.

Following several hours' debate over a situation involving Chi Omega chapter at the University of West Virginia, the congress decided by an almost unanimous vote that questions arising between the congress and member sororities should not be taken to the courts.

When Chi Omega was penalized for an alleged breach of pledging rules, it obtained an injunction restraining the Pan-Hellenic from interfering with its activities. Dr. C. L. Collins of Cincinnati, national president of Chi Omega, speaking in defense of her organization's action at Morgantown, declared court injunctions had no place in Pan-Hellenic affairs, but declared that the West Virginia group had been justified because the Pan-Hellenic chapter there was attempting to operate under a constitution which had not been adopted and because the penalty imposed was too severe. The Chi Omega chapter had been prohibited from taking in new members from December to May but was relieved of this penalty by the injunction.

SURPLUS FUNDS SHOWN

FIVE STATE INSTITUTIONS HAVE EXTRA MONEY

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—Of the eleven state institutions in Oregon, five show a surplus of funds in the report of January 1, 1926, based on their biennial appropriations for the year 1926, according to financial statements submitted to the state board of control today. Those institutions showing a surplus of funds are the Oregon state prison, state training school, state home for the feeble minded, state school for the deaf and the eastern Oregon state hospital.

From an appropriation of $350,000 for the state penitentiary, there remained on the first of the year the amount of $183,907.42, as against $166,092.58 expended during the past 12 months. Operating expenses at the prison during 1925 totaled $83,118.83, leaving $112,156.17 for the present year. An appropriation of $417,250 was allowed for the home for the feeble minded. Of this sum $203,228.10 was expended in 1925.

THREE KILLED IN STORM

HOME BLOWN FROM FOUNDATION BY HARD GALE

KRAEMER, La., Jan. 5.—Three persons were killed and eight injured in a severe storm here Monday. The dead:

Mrs. Theodore Graemer.

Norman Kraemer and Grace Kraemer, children of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kraemer.

Theodore Kraemer, a trapper, was visiting his fur traps near his home when the twister demolished his house and caused the death of three members of his family.

The home of Urban Rodrique was blown from its foundation and another house unroofed.

JAPANESE RESORT BURNS

TOURISTS ESCAPE FLAMES BUT LOSE BAGGAGE

(By The Associated Press)

TOKYO, Jan. 5.—The Nikko hotel at Nikko, the famous mountain resort 91 miles northeast of Tokyo, was burned last evening. A number of American tourists from the steamer Belgenland escaped from the burning building. They, however, lost all their baggage.

The Nikko hotel, a large wooden building, was situated near the Iemitsu mausoleum, one of the great group of mausolea and temples for which Nikko is famous and was popular with foreign visitors.

WOMAN SACRIFICES SELF

DEATH RESULTS FROM BURNS RECEIVED IN FURNACE

(By The Associated Press)

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5.—Her religious nature spurred to fanatical heights by a recent revival, Mrs. Margaret House, wife of a mail carrier, today wedged her body into the furnace of her home and sustained burns which caused her death 12 hours later. Believing herself "a living sacrifice to the Lord," and singing and praying as she exposed herself to the flames, she was fatally burned before her husband could rescue her.

WESTERN MEMBERS HIT INTERIOR BILL

Department Appropriation Reported In House and Starts Fireworks

SMALLER FUND IS ASKED

Reclamation Projects Cause of Fight on Measure

BUDGET FIGURE LOWERED

Administration of North Platte Work of Target of Simmons Who Makes Charge of Failure to Carry Out Law

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The annual appropriation bill for the interior department was reported today to the house and drew the immediate fire from two western members over the administration of reclamation projects for which it carries funds for the next fiscal year. The measure carries a total of $226,473,000 for the fiscal year, 1927, a decrease of $7,700,000 below current appropriations and also a decrease of $610,000 from budget estimates.

The direct appropriation for the reclamation service is $7,741,000, which is a decrease of $2,258,000 from the current funds and also a decrease of $66,000 from budget figures.

Unexpected Balance Left

The report of the house appropriation sub-committee which drafted the measure in discussing the reclamation funds said: "While the total appropriation is $2,258,000 below the 1926 total there are unexpected balances of the 1926 appropriations to the amount of over $3,000,000, that are reappointed and made available for the year 1927."

The first attack came in speeches in the house by Representative Simmons, Republican, Nebraska. He declared the reclamation bureau had failed to carry out the intentions of congress, as set forth in law, in administering the North Platt project in his state.

Dakota Wants Funds

A second attack came in the form of a statement from Representative Williamson, Republican, South Dakota, who said he would conduct a fight in the house for funds to continue the Belle Fourche project in his state. The bill carried no appropriation for the project.

A large proportion of the appropriation carried in the measure, $193,921,000, is for the pension office. This amount represents a decrease of $5,174,000 in current appropriations.

Other allotments gave the general land office $2,332,300; Indian bureau $11,938,000; geological survey $1,757,000 and the national parks service $3,698,000. The latter appropriations in an increase of $383,911 over current funds, made necessary, the committee reported, to carry out the road construction program authorized by the last congress.

SMALL AMOUNT NOT PAID

MANY OBLIGATIONS FULFILLED BY FARMERS

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5. — Only $26,502.80 is outstanding out of notes amounting to $396,431.39 given the state for loans under the farmers' aid act of 1925, according to a report to the board of control today. The amount that has been paid is $369,928.59. In addition $10,601.22 in interest has been paid.

The number of applications was 536 and the number of notes issued was 558, there being two notes on some applications.

Sherman, Umatilla, Jefferson and Wasco borrowers have paid up in full. In Morrow county $21,517.75 is outstanding and in Gilliam county $4985.05. No applications came in from other counties.

The loans were made by the state for reseeding purposes to farmers whose crops were frozen out in the winter of 1924.

INGRAHAM NOT TO HANG

ITINERANT TEXAN GIVEN 40 TO 50 YEARS

(By The Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—Jesse Ingraham, itinerant Texan, escaped hanging when he was sentenced to a term of 40 to 50 years in the state penitentiary by Judge W. O. Chapman in superior court this afternoon.

A jury last week found Ingraham guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Joseph C. Hedges, Seattle attorney and imposed hanging as the penalty.

Judge Chapman this afternoon granted Ingraham a new trial. Ingraham immediately waived hearing and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and was sentenced at once.

CHURCHILL GIVEN WATCH

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS HONOR STATE OFFICIAL

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—In appreciation of his services during 14 years as state superintendent of schools, J. A. Churchill was last night the recipient of a white gold watch presented by the county superintendents of the state, who are now in session here. It is appropriately engraved. The gift was made because this is the last year of service as state superintendent for Mr. Churchill, who will become president of the new state normal school at Ashland.

The presentation was made at the annual banquet of the county superintendents.