

MOVEMENT STARTED TO HOLD UP TAX BILL

Secretary Mellon Approves Delay in Senate Until After March 15.

Washington, D. C.—The full force of the administration will be thrown behind a movement to delay final legislative action on the tax reduction bill until after March 15.

The movement, started by Chairman Esmoot of the senate finance committee and supported by Secretary Mellon of the treasury and the republican leader of the senate, will be opposed by the democrats, who already have begun to array their forces for a counter attack.

Taking the stand that postponement of action until after March 15 would permit congress to act on a basis of "reasonable certainty," as more accurate information on receipts and expenditures would be available, the administration group is prepared to put up a stubborn fight to hold the tax measure in the background after congress reconvenes.

Some of the democrats, however, are determined to block the attempt of the republicans by going to the extreme, if necessary, of launching a campaign to have the tax bill taken out of the hands of the finance committee and brought to the floor of the senate for a final vote.

Rising to the support of the republican leaders, Secretary Mellon declared in a long statement that neither the taxpayers nor the government has anything to lose by postponing final enactment of the bill until after March 15, and that delay will "occasion no loss to the taxpayers or inconvenience either to them or to the government from an administrative standpoint."

GOVERNOR JOHNSON WINS REMOVAL FIGHT

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma's political insurrection, aimed at the removal of Governor Johnston and at least two other state officers, reached an unsuccessful end when the state senate brought impeachment activities to a close by the dismissal of charges voted by house members against Governor Johnston, Chief Justice Branson of the state supreme court and President Cordell of the state board of agriculture.

Meeting in a downtown hotel, to which they retreated after they had been dispersed at the doors of their capitol chamber by national guardsmen under the direction of the governor, the senators decided, by vote of 26 to 14, that the house of representatives had no authority to convene itself and vote impeachment charges. Members of both houses, who had persisted in meeting despite a series of unfavorable decisions by the state courts and the military resistance, abandoned their activities abruptly after the senate decision and began to depart for their homes, unpaid for their efforts.

OIL DATA NOW AVAILABLE

Way Made Clear for Testimony of Fall's Son-in-Law.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has signed the bill sponsored by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, which will permit M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, to testify in the Teapot Dome conspiracy case without incriminating himself.

The measure decreases the statute of limitations in government fraud cases from six to three years and opens the way for what the prosecution in the conspiracy trial of Harry F. Sinclair and Fall, considers important evidence that Everhart declined to give previously on the ground that his testimony might incriminate him.

Two Bank Bandits Give Selves Up.

Graham, Tex.—Two of the four bandits who robbed the First National bank of Cisco, killing G. S. Bedford, chief of police, and wounding eight others in a gun battle, were arrested when they appeared here seeking a rooming house. Neither resisted arrest. The arrests ended one of the greatest manhunts in the history of this section.

Hickman's Captors Take to Stage.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Hickman's two Oregon captors, Chief Tom Gardane of Pendleton and Sergeant Cecil Lieuallen of the Oregon state highway police, have signed vaudeville contracts for a local theater run. The officers are in Los Angeles pending distribution of the reward money.

J. P. Morgan Heads Steel Corporation.

New York.—J. P. Morgan, the New York banker, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the U. S. Steel corporation. The well-known financier succeeded the late Judge Elbert Gary.

DR. E. H. CHERRINGTON



Dr. E. H. Cherrington of Ohio, who is director of the new Anti-Saloon League department of publicity, education and research.

ALABAMA IS DENIED ANY POWER PROFITS

Washington, D. C.—The state of Alabama is not entitled to any share in the proceeds from the sale of power generated at the Muscle Shoals project, department of justice attorneys concluded in a memorandum transmitted by Attorney General Sargent to the senate agricultural committee. An Alabama delegation recently presented its claim to a share of the sale before the senate committee, the federal power commission, the army engineers, and the department of justice.

Alabama's claim was based upon the contention that although the federal government probably may have jurisdiction over the river, the river bed belongs to the state.

ILLEGAL TAXES RETURNED

Approximately 240,000 Persons to Receive Tax Refunds.

Washington, D. C.—Refunding of illegally collected taxes totaling \$103,858,687 and affecting approximately 240,000 persons, were reported to congress by Secretary Mellon.

The treasury department's report covered 12,133 typewritten pages and included refunds ranging from 1 cent to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Secretary Mellon said the credit covered the years back to 1925, inclusive, and "prior years."

Refunds made for 1928 amounted to \$68,388,865; for 1927 they totaled \$34,751,602; for 1926 they were \$654,691, and for 1925 they were \$63,528.

Rhineland's Wife Seeks Divorce.

New York, N. Y.—The marital affairs of Leonard Kip Rhineland, heir to \$100,000,000 and his wife, daughter of a negro chauffeur, are to be before the courts again in a separation suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Rhineland, who two years ago defeated the attempts of her husband to secure an annulment of their marriage on the grounds that she had deceived him as to her race and color, now asks for a separation on the basis of cruelty, inhuman treatment and abandonment. She asks no specific alimony.

Callos Mexican Oil Bill Approved.

Mexico City.—The senate unanimously passed in principle the Callos bill reforming articles 14 and 15 of the oil laws, which have been the source of friction between the United States and Mexico.

Doctor Accused of Killing Widow.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Dr. Charles M. McMillan, 57, Los Angeles physician, was arrested as the slayer of Mrs. Amelia Appleby, whose body was found sewed in a sack near San Fernando last week.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, hard white, \$1.38; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.25 1/2; hard winter, \$1.23 1/2; northern spring, \$1.24 1/2; western red, \$1.21 1/2.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—\$1@56c.
Eggs—Ranch, 32@34c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.75@11.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8@10.
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$11@12.50.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, \$1.26 1/2; hard winter, \$1.25; western red, \$1.22 1/2; bluestem, \$1.40; dark northern spring, \$1.45 1/2; dark hard winter, \$1.39 1/2.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$23.
Butterfat—\$4c.
Eggs—Ranch, 36c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11.25@11.75.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.75@10.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10@10.50.
Hogs—Good, \$9.50@9.60.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association will be held at Pendleton January 9 and 10.

When the Canby union high school resumes work, January 9, it will be in the new building just completed.

Nineteen hundred dollars was obtained in a holdup and robbery of the Mount Scott State bank, a suburban bank of Portland, last week.

Mrs. Millie Michlsen, 64, was killed last Thursday at Lake Grove station near Oswego, when struck by a Southern Pacific southbound electric train.

Poultrymen of the lower Columbia district will hold their annual convention in Astoria, January 4, sponsored by the Astoria chamber of commerce.

A new church organization has been incorporated at West Linn. Articles have been filed by the Glad Tidings Assembly and a new building is to be erected.

The case of E. Henry Wemme company of Portland vs. Ben Selling and others, trustees of the Wemme estate, was affirmed by the supreme court last week.

A fall from a high chair into its mother's arms resulted in a broken arm for the 18-months-old baby of Mrs. W. H. Wyrick of Bridge, near Myrtle Point.

Yarns manufactured by the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., of Salem, are pronounced faultless by Thomas Barbour, world-known linen thread manufacturer of Belfast.

James Samuel March, widely known pioneer minister and a resident of the Rogue River valley for more than 60 years, died last week near Phoenix, aged 83 years.

While playing with a .22 rifle last week, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leininger of the Middle Hood River valley shot and killed his 12-year-old brother.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, who died in Baker last Monday, at the age of 90 years, was an Oregon pioneer of 1843, having settled in that year on Marys river near Corvallis.

Inquests are required on each coyote killed in Curry county before the \$25 bounty on the animal can be collected, according to an order issued by the county court.

Portland has a population of approximately 344,640, according to figures compiled for the Portland chamber of commerce by Professor Kent of Oregon Agricultural college.

A tiny baby boy, weighing but three pounds, is apparently thriving at Corvallis general hospital, where doctors and nurses worked over him a full hour before he drew breath.

West Salem will have city carrier service after January 2, 1928. In the past West Salem has received its mail over a rural route out of Salem, and has had only one delivery daily.

The total tax levy for Clackamas county for 1928 will reach \$1,265,359, according to figures compiled by County Assessor W. B. Cook and County Clerk Don J. Ryan. The state tax will amount to \$350,108.

Elk in bands from five to 20 are to be seen almost daily by motorists on the Roosevelt highway a few miles below Gold Beach. It is estimated there are between 50 and 60 in the Hunters Head band.

John Mayfield, about 45, was shot to death at Imbler last week by an unidentified assailant. The bullet, fired from a rifle, entered the front door of the house and pierced Mayfield's head as he lay asleep.

Dedication of the new auditorium of the West Linn union high school will be held early in January, according to John L. Gary, principal, who announces that work on the structure is rapidly nearing completion.

Lew Riggs, Wasco county deputy sheriff and well-known resident of Rowena, was badly injured Wednesday afternoon when a post support at his filling station was pulled over on him by an outgoing truck.

From nine acres on the Erneet Douglas farm in Grand Island district Willamette river bottom land, more than 900 bushels of corn was produced. It is of the Bloody-Butcher and Golden Dent strains cross. It is well developed first-grade corn.

A. C. Ruby of Portland was elected president of the Pacific International Livestock exposition to succeed E. A. Stuart, Seattle, who has been president since 1921. Mr. Stuart resigned but retained his directorship and trusteeship.

The Astoria police force has been cut from nine to five men in a recent upheaval which was initiated a week ago by the sudden resignation of J. C. McIlwin, when he was called on the carpet by Chief of Police Murphy and City Manager Kratz.

Bert Hopkins was arrested last Thursday, accused of killing Ferdinand Sanday, near Flora, late Wednesday. Officers were called to Flora, 40 miles from the railroad, before daylight, to make the arrest.

W. C. Hobough, his wife and three children barely escaped with their lives when a barn in which they were living near West Woodburn was destroyed by fire last week. A collie dog, entering the burning building evidently in search of one of the children, was burned to death.

Gold proved to be Santa Claus' greatest gift to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Oliver of St. Helens. In the crop of a White Leghorn chicken, which they had bought from D. J. Sickles of Yankton for their Christmas dinner, they found a gold nugget about twice as large as a pinhead.

Secretary of War Davis announces approval of expenditures for construction of an administration building and completion of an electric system at the Oregon National Guard camp at Gearhart as part of the program for the last half of the present fiscal year, ending June 13 next.

Industrial expansion in Portland during 1927 has increased payrolls \$1,659,700 and has brought \$1,105,500 in investments in new buildings, according to figures announced by the industries department of the Portland chamber of commerce and the Oregon Manufacturers association.

Organized for the purpose of constructing a railroad line from a point just north of Albany in a general easterly direction to a point in or near the city of Bead, the Albany & Eastern Railroad company has filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department in Salem.

The first of the Oregon soldiers' bonus bonds to mature, a block of \$500,000, became due January 1, and State Treasurer Kay forwarded a draft for the amount to the state fiscal agent in New York. After the payment of this amount there was still outstanding \$28,500,000 in soldiers' bonus bonds.

Elimination of tolls on the Portland-Vancouver interstate bridge on January 1, 1928, was assured last week when the Oregon State highway commission and the board of Multnomah county commissioners reached an agreement for the transfer of the bridge to the highway commission on December 31, 1928.

Property owners of Portland will pay taxes next year at the rate of 48.8 mills, the highest levy in the history of the city, it is practically certain. The total certified levy for all purposes, including the state levy of \$2,802,522.64, is \$17,358,537.85, an increase of \$1,166,598.55 over the levy of \$16,086,939.30 for 1926, payable this year.

The Christmas bird census, taken December 26 by the Oregon Audubon society in conjunction with the National Audubon society's 28th Christmas bird census, was the most satisfactory in the history of Portland, according to Willard Ayres Elliot, president of the local society. This year 30 persons identified 64 species in a 15-mile radius from Portland as compared with 51 species last year.

More business was transacted in Portland in November than in any other month last year, according to statements prepared by the Standard Statistics company, New York, one of the largest statistical organizations in the world. The volume of November business was calculated by Standard Statistics as 19 per cent above the average for the years 1920-24 and an increase of four points over that of October.

Four fatal accidents in Oregon industries were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending December 22. Workmen reported as having lost their lives through industrial accidents are Chas. Kerr, Marshfield; Henry M. Seethoff, Maupin; Joe L. Polson, St. Helens, and Alton K. Holman, Seattle. A total of 596 accidents subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act were reported to the commission during the week.

National banks of Portland, with capital of \$5,600,000, made \$2,022,000 net profits, including recoveries, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, according to the report of the comptroller of currency. Of these earnings \$746,000 was paid out in dividends to stockholders. During the same period the national banks of the state, 90 in number, with capital of \$6,310,000, earned \$1,476,000 net, including recoveries, and paid \$376,000 in dividends. Gross profits of the Portland banks totaled \$6,095,000 and for the up-state banks \$5,033,000.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ross of Mill City celebrated their 53d wedding anniversary last Saturday. Mr. Ross is 75 and his wife 78, she being in fair health and he being hale and hearty, leading an active life on his ranch.

The Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company is required by an order of the public service commission, issued recently, to establish an adequate water service for its patrons by April 1. Patrons complained that the service was inadequate and unreasonable.

G. S. FERGUSON



G. S. Ferguson of Greensboro, N. C., who has been appointed a member of the federal trade commission by President Coolidge. Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat.

REMUS IS DECLARED CRIMINALLY INSANE

Cincinnati, Ohio.—George Remus, once the "brains" of a powerful bootlegging ring, was adjudged criminally insane and ordered sent to the state asylum at Lima, Ohio.

The finding handed down by Probate Judge William Luaders is the sequel to the killing by Remus of his wife, Augusta Imogene Holmes Remus, whom he accused of carrying on a love affair with Franklin Dodge, federal prohibition agent.

Following a trial of five weeks a jury of 10 men and two women, after deliberating 19 minutes, brought in a verdict of "not guilty on the sole ground of insanity," the only "not guilty" verdict allowed in the charges of Trial Judge Chester Shook.

Mrs. Remus was shot and fatally wounded by her husband on October 6 as she was en route to the court of domestic relations, where she was to testify in her suit for divorce.

Under the jury's verdict it was compulsory that Remus be brought before the probate court for a sanity hearing.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Colonel Charles A. Lindberg was warmly received by the Central American countries visited after leaving Mexico.

John E. Richards, 79, first governor of Montana and nationally known political leader, died at a family reunion at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

Gavin McNab, San Francisco attorney, and prominent figures in democratic politics, was found dead, seated in a chair in his office in San Francisco.

Colonel Bronson Cutting, publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican, was appointed by Governor Dillon to succeed the late United States Senator A. A. Jones.

A gift of \$1,000,000 from the supreme council, Scottish Rite Masons, of the southern jurisdiction, to George Washington university, was announced by the university trustees.

Will Free Vancouver-Portland Bridge.

Portland, Ore.—At midnight on December 31, 1928, the Vancouver-Portland interstate bridge will be toll free. At that time the Oregon section of the span will become a part of the state highway system and be under the control of the Oregon state highway commission. The Washington state highway commission will assume control of the Washington half.

Old Grid Rules Are Revived.

New York, N. Y.—After a short debate over the changes made early this year in the football rules, the American Football Coaches association approved a recommendation to eliminate the alterations affecting use of the lateral pass and the recovery of fumbled punts. The coaches voted in favor of returning to the 1926 rules affecting these features.

Vancouver to Get Big Whisky Cargo.

Glasgow, Scotland.—The biggest shipment of whisky ever to leave this city on one vessel was loaded on the liner Salacia which sailed for Vancouver, B. C., Saturday. The vessel will carry 100,000 cases of assorted liquor and many casks totaling more than 1,250,000 bottles.

Wyoming Ranches Damaged by Flood.

Rock Springs, Wyo.—A wall of water swept down upper Green River valley, doing heavy damage to ranches and threatening to exterminate large herds of cattle, following the collapse of an irrigation dam near here.

Boy Breathes Artificially 115 Hours.

Houston, Texas.—Milton Rush, 16, died after breathing artificially for more than 115 hours. Young Rush was shot accidentally.

HICKMAN DEFENSE PLEA OF INSANITY

Another Murder is Confessed by Slayer of Marian Parker.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Plea of insanity, Jerome Walsh, counsel for William E. Hickman, said, would be the confessed kidnaper and slayers' answer to the charge of abducting and murdering Marian Parker.

Walsh, Kansas City attorney retained by Hickman's mother, who came here to defend the 19-year-old youth, said that a study of the California penal code offered four possible avenues of plea. These are, he pointed out, "guilty," "insanity," "guilty and insane" or "not guilty and insane."

Walsh expressed his belief that Hickman has withheld some information concerning the kidnaping and murder. He said he was convinced that the crime had not been committed by one person alone.

Another murder was confessed here by Hickman. Under repeated questioning by jail officers, he told of shooting down Ivy Thoms, a druggist of Rosehill, a suburb between here and Pasadena, during a holdup of the druggist on Christmas eve, 1926. Thoms died the day after Christmas.

Welby Hunt, an Alhambra, Cal., youth, who Hickman said was his companion in the holdup, was taken into custody and, according to the officers, made a confession corroborating that of Hickman. Hunt, however, while admitting his part in the holdup, denied that it was shots from his pistol which killed the druggist.

The shooting occurred when a police officer entered the store during the holdup and opened fire on the two youths. In returning the fire, the druggist was shot in the chest by Hickman and the officer was wounded in the right hand.

Hunt, according to Hickman, received a couple of flesh wounds from shots fired by the officer. A jail physician who examined Hunt said he found scars made by bullets.

SINCLAIR GROUP SCORED

Grand Jury Charges Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice.

Washington, D. C.—Harry F. Sinclair, William J. Burns and five of their associates were charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice by the federal grand jury which investigated the shadowing of the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy jury by Burns detectives hired by Sinclair.

No indictments were returned however, as District Attorney Peyton Gordon held that as Sinclair, Burns and four of their associates were being tried for criminal contempt in connection with surveillance of the jury, new charges should not be filed against them.

The investigation convinced the grand jury, its foreman said, that those named in the presentment had conspired to violate the law. Because of this, he continued, it was felt by its members that even though the district attorney refused to prepare indictments, the presentment should be made to the court.

San Francisco Asks Bridge Over Bay.

Washington, D. C.—A vertical clearance of 150 feet over 2 1/2 miles of deep water in San Francisco bay is specified for a bridge which the board of supervisors for the city and county of San Francisco want to build, and permission for the construction of which would be provided by a bill which Senator Hiram Johnson of California has introduced to congress.

Auto of Missing Couple Found.

Marshfield, Or.—The mysterious disappearance of a young married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Webb, of Abeline, Texas, and more recently of Roseburg, was partially solved at North Bend when officers dragged a coupe from the bay at the foot of Virginia street. The automobile was the one driven by the Webbs on the day of their disappearance.

Hunt for Dawn is Given Up.

New York, N. Y.—Convinced that further search of the waters off the Newfoundland and Nova Scotia coasts for Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her three male companions in the amphibian plane Dawn would be futile, the U. S. navy has ordered withdrawn the five destroyers which searched the waters about Cape Sable.

Mellon Not Presidential Candidate.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said he is not a candidate for the republican presidential nomination and knows nothing about a boom reported started for him.

Alaska Indian Woman, 115, Dead.

Juneau, Alaska.—Mrs. Skookum Jim, known as the oldest Indian woman in southeastern Alaska, died here. Members of her family said she was 115 years old.