

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE PAYS VISIT TO CUBA

Chief Executive Attends the Opening of Pan-American Congress.

Washington, D. C.—As a good-will ambassador extraordinary, President Coolidge started on a trip to Havana which he hopes will demonstrate the friendly feeling of the United States for all the republics of the western hemisphere.

The immediate purpose of the journey, the first outside of the United States for Mr. Coolidge since he became president, is to make the opening address of the Pan-American congress. In the background, however, is the desire to impress upon the representatives of the more than 20 nations who will greet him that the United States holds no imperialistic designs in its relationship with the countries south of the Rio Grande.

In addition to two members of his cabinet—Secretaries Kellogg and Wilbur—the president will be surrounded at Havana by a delegation of men whose names have for years been well known in American public life. The delegation, which will represent the United States at the sessions of the congress after Mr. Coolidge has left, will be headed by Charles Evans Hughes.

The two secretaries and Mrs. Hughes accompanied Mr. Coolidge, also Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Italy; James Brown Scott, an authority on international law; Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University; and Morgan J. O'Brien, a former federal judge of New York, all members of the delegation.

MORE SHEEP DESIRED

Plans Made to Increase Flocks of Southwest Washington.

Olympia, Wash.—Tentative arrangements were made at a conference here to purchase and distribute at least 5000 sheep to farmers of southwestern Washington in the early spring.

The conference was attended by bankers and delegates from chambers of commerce. It was the outgrowth of a meeting held in Chehalis a month ago, at which plans were laid for the stimulation of the wool industry west of the Cascades.

At the Chehalis meeting it was pointed out that 500,000 sheep are being run in western Oregon, while only 23,000 sheep are being run west of the mountains in Washington. The bankers and chambers are endeavoring to finance farmers who wish to run small flocks.

INSULL BEFORE COMMITTEE

Admits He Contributed \$237,925 to Illinois Primary.

Washington, D. C.—Samuel Insull, multi-millionaire Chicago public utilities official, appearing at his own request in an effort to purge himself of contempt, told the senate slush fund committee that his total contributions in the Illinois primary election in 1926 amounted to \$237,925.

Of this amount \$125,000 was given to the campaign fund of Frank L. Smith, who was nominated and elected on the republican ticket and then denied the oath of office by the senate pending a further hearing before the committee.

Rome Welcomes Afghan Rulers.

Rome.—The emir of Afghanistan, Amanullah Khan, and his queen arrived in the Italian capital on their first visit to Europe and received an enthusiastic welcome. For the first time on record an Afghan queen appeared in public unveiled in response to cheers of a vast crowd which gathered before the Quirinal palace, where they will be official guests. The queen was revealed as a tall, ivory-skinned beauty. She wore a smart black European dress and carried a great bouquet of red roses.

Union Pacific Wreck Engineer Dies.

Portland, Or.—Charles F. Theobald, engineer on one of the locomotives of the Union Pacific passenger train wrecked in Oneonta gorge last week, died at St. Vincent's hospital here. The death of Mr. Theobald was the second resulting from the wreck. Fred C. Warnke, fireman, dying shortly after the wreck. Miss Lillian Carnes, a passenger injured in the wreck, was reported recovering.

Governor to Appoint Constables.

Salem, Or.—Appointment of constables to fill vacancies in that office throughout the state is now vested in the governor, according to Attorney General Van Winkle.

\$4,283,716 Provided for Air Stations.

Washington, D. C.—Expenditure of \$4,283,716 for new construction at army air stations would be authorized under the James bill, reported by the house military committee.

REV. Z. T. PHILLIPS



Rev. Dr. Z. T. Phillips, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Washington, who was elected chaplain of the United States senate.

DRY AGENTS FAIL IN CIVIL SERVICE TESTS

Washington, D. C.—Federal prohibition officials see no reason why a hard-boiled revenue raider should be an intellectual giant to properly hold his job and for this reason they have appealed to the civil service commission to soften its examination requirements under which all prohibition administrators and agents must qualify in accordance with the reorganization law passed at the last session of congress.

The "flunks" have averaged high, it was said, and even five of the administrators, the field colonels of the dry forces, have failed to meet the requirements of the commission. The fatalities for the agents have been particularly heavy in the south, where they have run as high as 85 per cent. "The situation is terrible," one administrator complained to the Washington officials. "It is more important for an agent to be able to smash a bootleg joint than it is to spell 'idiosyncrasy.'"

VETERANS FILE TOO LATE

Department Unable to Consider 25,000 Delayed Applications.

Washington, D. C.—In the deluge of last minute applications from world war veterans for adjusted compensation, the dead line for which was reached at midnight January 1, approximately 25,000 applications came too late and cannot be considered.

The figures show that approximately 400,000 veterans entitled to adjusted compensation have never been heard from.

The total number of applications received amount to 3,247,468.

Divers Prepare for Raising S-4.

Provincetown, Mass.—Divers assigned to the S-4 salvage fleet, aided by nearly ideal weather conditions, Sunday succeeded in making what is regarded as extraordinarily rapid progress in preparing the sunken submarine for raising. Although 12 divers worked in the engine and control compartments, no additional bodies were found, the total number recovered thus far remaining at 17.

Frank L. Smith Challenges Senate.

Washington, D. C.—Senator-elect Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, refused to submit to trial by the senate primary election investigation committee. He challenged the jurisdiction of the committee over this application for a seat in the United States senate.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.40; hard white, \$1.35; federation, soft white and western white, \$1.28; hard winter, \$1.24; northern spring, \$1.26; western red, \$1.23.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—\$1@56c.
Eggs—Ranch, 30@37c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.75@11.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8@10.
Lambs — Medium to choice, \$11@12.50.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.28½; hard winter, \$1.25; western red, \$1.24; northern spring, \$1.28; bluestem, \$1.42; dark northern spring, \$1.47; dark hard winter, \$1.41.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.
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@9.80.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The total of new construction in La Grande during 1927 was \$873,660. This is the largest figure in the city's history.

Albany's rainfall during 1927 was 44.97 inches, six inches above normal, according to F. M. French, government weather observer.

More than 100 fox breeders of Oregon were in Salem last week attending the annual convention of the Oregon Fox Breeders' association.

For the first time in ten years, no children were burned at Christmas-celebrations, Fred W. Roberts, Portland fire marshal, announced recently.

James T. Jenkins, a dairyman of Bandon, shipped 17 cars of cattle to California in 1926 and sold 12 in 1927. He is building up a dairy herd of 2000 cattle.

A class of 510 candidates was initiated by the Salem lodge of Elks last Monday night as the culmination of a two months' intensive drive for new members.

Oregon motorists will be permitted to drive automobiles bearing 1927 license plates until January 16, according to tentative arrangements announced recently.

An organization has been formed in Jackson and Josephine counties to beautify the Pacific highway from Grants Pass to Ashland by planting trees and flowers.

The Douglas county turkey crop of 1927 was the largest for many seasons, a total of 17 carloads being shipped out of the county for the Thanksgiving and Christmas trade.

Plans submitted by the county clerk of Clatsop county for a bridge over Lewis and Clark river, 7½ miles south of Astoria, were approved by the war department last week.

The receipts of the Medford post-office last month which were \$10,205.66, showed an increase of 12.3 per cent over the receipts of December, 1926, which were \$9083.47.

Election of officers and the adoption of a 1928 program will be taken up at the annual meeting of the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club at Oregon City next week.

Deposits of Portland's 24 commercial banking institutions on December 31 amounted to \$165,498,072, reflecting a gain of \$3,674,453 over the \$161,823,619 reported in December 31, 1926.

Half again as much money was taken in by the city of McMinnville in 1926 for fines as in 1927, according to Judge Shirley. The sum reached \$1764.50 in 1926, and only \$1054.50 this year.

Mrs. Jean K. Porter of Condon, school superintendent of Gilliam county, was elected president of the State Association of County School Superintendents at the annual convention last week.

As the result of activities carried on by the sheriff's office in the enforcement of the prohibition law in Clackamas county, Sheriff Mass has turned over a total of \$10,875 collected in fines during 1927.

Fire believed to have originated from spontaneous combustion destroyed a warehouse and second-hand store in the heart of the downtown business district in Salem last week resulting in a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Harry Lloyd Wolfgang, 13, was killed last week when he stuck his hand in a rotary clothes dryer at St. Mary's hospital. His arm was torn off. The youth's body was thrown against the steel frame of the machine, breaking his neck.

Albany is the only municipal corporation in Linn county which will have a lower city tax this year than last year, according to County Assessor Grant Froman. Albany's city levy will be 55.7 mills. Last year it was 56.5 mills.

With the prison population up to 635, the highest in the history of the institution, the jails filled with men awaiting trial and only three bunks left in the entire institution, the housing problem at the state penitentiary at Salem has reached most serious proportions, according to Henry Meyers, superintendent.

Two large eagles, in mortal combat over the carcass of a jackrabbit, met death at Pendleton when they were electrocuted on high-power tension lines, according to the mute evidence found by linemen patrolling the wires following the recent storm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hembree of Lafayette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week at their home, surrounded by 30 of their relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hembree were both born near Lafayette and lived there most of their lives.

Records of the Portland postoffice for 1927 showed 78,766,890 pieces of mail were put through the canceling machines there, according to John M. Jones, Portland postmaster. This is an increase of 4,031,755 over 1926.

Commemorating the arrival of the Cerro Gardo the first steamship to enter Tillamook bay harbor to load lumber for shipment direct to a foreign market about 75 of the leading business men of Tillamook and Garibaldi assembled at the Whitney inn last week.

Portland has 75,425 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 20 years, shows the school census, just completed. This enumeration will form the basis for Portland's apportionment of the state school tax in making the 1929 budget, \$10 being allowed for each child.

Report of W. G. Ide, manager of the and settlement department of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and the Portland chamber of commerce, shows that 63 new farm families settled in Oregon during December, representing a total investment of \$234,000.

Oregon corporations paid approximately \$325,000 less in federal income taxes last year despite the increase in their tax rate under the revenue law of 1926, according to the preliminary report on income statistics for the calendar year 1926 issued by the treasury department.

"Old Dobbin," whose days of utility are rapidly drawing to a close, is coming to a sad end in Klamath county. Thousands of horses, running wild on the range, are being caught and sold to the Butte Packing company of Montana. They will be butchered and sold as cheap meat in Europe.

H. H. McDowell, proprietor of the Mack Marie lodge at North Beach, was fatally shot near Booth on Siltcoos lake last Sunday, when a shotgun in the hands of L. M. Kimmel of Roseburg was accidentally discharged. The two men, lifelong friends were shooting ducks when the accident happened.

Increase in assessed valuation of Klamath Falls coupled with economy of various municipal levying boards has resulted in a material reduction in 1928 taxes. The millage rate is 58 mills, as compared with 70.8 mills last year. Assessed valuation of the city has increased from \$7,061,036.13 to \$8,326,012.75.

Textbooks adopted by the state textbook commission for use in the public schools of Oregon cannot be used legally for a period in excess of six years, according to an opinion prepared by the attorney-general recently. The opinion was sought by Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

The city of Medford had an enviable record during the last year in the matter of fires and comparatively little fire loss, according to the annual report submitted by Fire Chief Roy Elliott. The fire department answered 150 alarms of fire and the total fire loss was only \$69,971.89, on which \$68,261.89 of insurance was paid.

The outbound cargo movement for the Portland district during 1927 has amounted to 2,669,319 tons, valued at \$133,141,330, and in 1926 it was 2,655,132 tons with a value of \$134,599,159. The inbound movement for last year was 2,398,980 tons with a value of \$145,691,691, and in 1926 it was 2,290,889 tons valued at \$141,293,756.

The most costly and stubborn fire in Tillamook in years caused damage estimated at \$80,000 last week when the Masonic building was burned so badly fear is expressed that the upper floor and walls may fall at any time. The fire lasted five hours and four firemen were overcome by the heavy smoke, which hampered fire fighting efforts.

Postal savings in Oregon for the fiscal year ended June 30 totaled \$2,607,882, according to John M. Jones, Portland postmaster, who has just received a copy of the department annual report. This is an increase of \$394,630 over the previous year, the report shows. There were 6422 depositors for the year and the government paid \$36,617 in interest.

Fifty women in a crowd jammed in front of the Hub, a department store in Marshfield, which had advertised a sale, were plunged into a depression leading to an indented entrance collapsed. The women fell in a heap a distance of about three feet but only one was injured enough to require medical care. About 500 women were waiting to get into the store when the collapse occurred.

Compilations by lumbermen and logging concerns estimate that in lumber, logs and poles, Coos bay shipped during 1927 approximately 300,000,000 feet of forest products. This is a smaller amount than was shipped in 1926 by about 25,000,000 feet.

The Baker White Pine Lumber company has just installed a new belt for its main drive from the power plant of the local mill at a cost of \$4000. It is 160 feet long, 38 inches wide and ¾ of an inch thick. It contains many thicknesses of leather.

HENRY L. STIMSON



Henry L. Stimson of New York, who was appointed governor of the Philippines, to succeed the late Gen. Leonard Wood.

EXTEND QUARANTINE AGAINST CORN BORER

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Jardine announced a revision of the European corn borer quarantine effective January 1, 1928, which makes extensive additions to the areas regulated on account of this pest. The newly quarantined territory, in which infestations were discovered during the summer and fall of this year, consists of 781 townships in Vermont, western Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

The corn borer is now known to exist in 13 states, namely, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

The products affected by the revision are corn, broomcorn, sorghums and Sudan grass. Inspection and certification are required for the interstate movement of clean shelled corn and clean seed of broomcorn to uninfested districts. The shipment of cornstalks and ears to uninfested territory is prohibited.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The public debt was reduced \$1,038,312,882 during the last year, representing a reduction of \$8,560,349,197 since 1919, when it reached its peak of \$26,596,701,648.

A wave of feeling against William E. Hickman among prisoners in the Los Angeles county jail prompted jailers to keep the confessed slayer of Marian Parker constantly behind barred cell doors.

Announcements that Jacob G. Schurman, American ambassador to Germany, has raised \$250,000 in American circles for the University of Heidelberg has produced much enthusiasm in the German press.

Captain J. Kerr and three members of the crew of the motorship Noble were drowned when the vessel crashed on Escalante reef off the west coast of Vancouver island. Two others of the crew of six were rescued and brought to Vancouver.

Nearly 10,000 seats will be available for spectators at the republican national convention in Kansas City next June, it was estimated when seating plans were gone over by the committee on arrangements headed by William M. Butler of Massachusetts, chairman of the republican national committee.

Marvin Hughitt, Railroad Man Dies.

Chicago.—Marvin Hughitt Sr., whose span of service to railroading in the middle west stretched back 65 years, died here after a paralytic stroke. He was 90 years old. Until his death the veteran had a part in the direction of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, with whose destinies he had been connected 56 years, 28 as president.

Oregon Institutions in Good Condition.

Salem, Or.—Barring any emergency which would require financial relief, all of Oregon's state institutions, with the possible exception of the Old Soldiers' home, will complete the current biennium without creating a deficit or calling upon the state emergency board for assistance.

Boy Slayer Pays Penalty in Ohio.

Columbus, O.—A 17 year old boy, the youngest slayer ever electrocuted by Ohio, paid with his life in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary for killing a mother and her 5 year old son. The youth was Floyd Hewitt, who slew Mrs. Fred Brown and her son Fred Jr. at their Conneaut, O., home last February.

GENERAL LEJEUNE TO VISIT NICARAGUA

Commander of Marines to Personally Size Up the Situation.

Washington, D. C.—Marine reinforcements recently ordered to Nicaragua will be led to that strife-torn little republic by their commander-in-chief, Major-General John A. Lejeune. He plans to spend two weeks sizing up the situation there.

Aroused by reports of casualties among the marines in their efforts to run to earth the outlaw general, Augustino Sandino, and at word received by the navy department from marine officers in Nicaragua that two marine deserters were training Sandino's men, General Lejeune, himself an old campaigner, announced unexpectedly that he would embark for Corinto.

General Lejeune's sudden decision to look into the Nicaraguan situation personally was not expected to involve any change in orders to Brigadier-General Logan Feland, who has been instructed to assume command in Nicaragua. General Feland, who was at the head of the marine forces when they returned to that country a year ago but later was relieved, was ordered back to the battle zone after word had been received of the recent clashes with Sandino and their resulting casualties. Simultaneously 1000 marines were ordered to Nicaragua to reinforce the 1400 already there.

While Marine officers here, including General Lejeune, were inclined to doubt report that deserters were assisting Sandino, it was admitted that some of the marines who have "gone over the hill," are still at large.

From one source came the report that two men had been captured by Sandino while attempting to reach the Honduran border and forced, under penalty of death, to act as drillmasters and tacticians.

The recent battles have shown, official reports have said, a notable improvement in the morale and tactics of the Sandino forces.

'LAME DUCK' BILL APPROVED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C.—For the fourth time the senate approved and sent to the house the constitutional amendment of Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, to prevent "lame duck" sessions of congress, after general elections.

The vote on adoption was 65 to 6, Senators Bingham, Connecticut; Dale and Greene, Vermont, and Sackett, Kentucky, republicans; and Bleaso, South Carolina, and King, Utah, democrats, voting against it.

The amendment would fix January 2 of each year as the meeting time for congress without limitation or regard to long and short sessions and would set January 15 of the year after election as the day for the president and vice-president taking office instead of March 4. Under the proposal, members of congress who had been defeated would not pass on legislation, as they may do at present.

DREAM LOCATES BODY

Dennis Webb Recovered From Bay by North Bend Youth.

Marshfield, Or.—Body of Dennis Webb of Abilene Tex., who was drowned here with his wife several weeks ago when he drove off the North Bend dock in his automobile, was recovered Saturday. Body of Mrs. Webb is expected to be located soon. It is believed Webb lost his way in a dense fog. The Webbs came to Marshfield from Roseburg, intending to go to Bandon to locate.

Rudy Whitlock, North Bend youth who found the body in the bay, said he had a dream about the drowned couple and in it had a vision revealing to him the location of the body.

Senate Closes Mexican Quiz.

Washington, D. C.—The inquiry into the Mexican documents published in Hearst newspapers was closed by the special senate committee after Miguel Avila, who obtained the documents, admitted they were forgeries on the strength of reports of handwriting experts. Avila, when asked who forged the documents, said he did not know.

Los Angeles Physician Indicted.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Dr. Charles M. McMillan, 57, was indicted by the county grand jury for the murder of Mrs. Amelia Appleby, widow of a wealthy Chicago inventor. The woman's body was found in a sack in San Fernando valley near here.

House Approves S-4 Inquiry.

Washington, D. C.—Investigation of the sinking of the submarine S-4, as proposed by President Coolidge, was approved by the house.