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SENATE PASSES REVENUE MEASURE

Bill Approved By Upper House Makes Cut of \$456,251,000 in Tax Burden.

Washington, D. C.—Carrying a reduction of nearly half a billion dollars in the annual federal tax burden, the senate passed the revenue measure.

The vote was 58 to 9, six republican progressives, two democrats and Senator Shipstead, former laborite of Minnesota, voting against it. The others were: Senators Frazier of North Dakota, La Follette of Wisconsin, McMaster of South Dakota, Norbeck of South Dakota, Norris of Nebraska and Nye of North Dakota, all republicans; Reed of Missouri and Wheeler of Montana, democrats.

The \$126,000,000 cut made by the senate over the house bill must run the fire of conference between the two houses.

Besides accepting all of the reductions proposed by the house, the senate made these major changes in the bill:

Repealed the inheritance tax. Struck out the tax on admissions and dues.

Eliminated the tax on passenger automobiles. Repealed the capital stock tax but increased the 12 1/2 per cent corporation tax 1 per cent.

Cut \$23,000,000 from the surtaxes on incomes between \$24,000 and \$100,000.

Reduced further the taxes on cigars. The additional tax reduction voted by the senate was assailed an "economic folly," by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee.

The senate, in going \$126,000,000 beyond the total approved by the house in its \$330,000,000 bill, not only threatened a treasury deficit, but jeopardized the enactment of many pending bills calling for increased government expenditures, including the public buildings bill, said Mr. Green. Chairman Green is supported in his position by other house leaders.

INAUGURATION DAY CHANGE IS ADOPTED

Washington, D. C.—The Norris constitutional amendment, changing inauguration day from March 4 to the third Monday in January, and the date for meeting of congress from December to the first Monday in January, was adopted by the senate by a vote of 73 to 2.

Blease, South Carolina, and Kang, Utah, democrats, cast the only dissenting votes on the resolution, which now goes to the house.

The house committee on elections of president and congress favorably reported a resolution proposing that congress meet on January 4 and that the executive be inaugurated on January 24.

An important provision of the amendment proposed by both senate and house is that designed to insure the choice of an executive in the event no candidate receives a majority of the electoral votes. In the last presidential election it was shown that if the triangular contest had thrown the election into congress that body might have been deadlocked and the country have been without an executive on March 4.

Congress is almost unanimous in favor of the proposed amendment and it is expected to be submitted to the states before this session ends.

Coolidge Modifies Mitchell Penalty.

Washington, D. C.—By action of President Coolidge, William Mitchell, formerly a colonel in the army air service, passed off the commissioned roll for five years. The president approved the court-martial sentence imposed on him, insofar as suspension from all rank and duty was concerned. He modified the total forfeiture of pay and allowances, however, to permit Mitchell to receive during his suspension half of his non-flying pay and certain living allowances "at the pleasure of the president."

Lowden Would Regulate Production.

Champaign, Ill.—A federal farm board to regulate crop production for the farmer, as the federal reserve board adjusts nation-wide credit facilities for the industrial world, was advocated by Frank O. Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois, before the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural association.

OREGON CONVICTS IN RIOT AND GUARDS SHOOT NINE

A Salem special to the Oregonian gives details of the riot participated in by 450 convicts in the dining room of the Oregon state penitentiary, when nine of the most desperate convicts in the Oregon state penitentiary were shot by guards when approximately 200 of the 450 prisoners started a riot in the dining room of the prison during the supper hour Wednesday evening.

C. R. Moore, Lane county, serving three years for larceny from a dwelling.

Pat Burke, Multnomah county, serving ten years for a statutory offense.

H. Smith, Multnomah county, serving two and one-half years for assault and robbery.

J. M. James, Wasco county, serving eight years for a statutory offense.

Albert Corley, Multnomah county, serving ten years for man-slaughter.

D. Cadena, Klamath county, serving life sentence for murder.

Frank Davis, Linn county, serving three years for larceny.

J. Arnold, Umatilla county, serving life term for murder in second degree.

William Short, Jackson county, serving three years for operating a still.

Prison officials said that the riot was a part of a plot to burn the state flax plant and, possibly, escape from the institution. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon two fires were discovered to have broken out simultaneously in the threshing department of the state flax plant, which is operated in connection with the penitentiary.

By prompt action on the part of the prison officials and the city fire department the fires were extinguished with nominal damage to the plant.

It later developed that the fires were set and that Carl Murray and William Stroud, convicts, were responsible.

J. P. Lillie, warden of the penitentiary, said that he had scented unrest among the convicts for the past 48 hours, and doubled the number of guards in the prison dining room and strengthened the several posts.

The convicts had scarcely entered the dining room when one of their number shouted, "All right, boys, let's go."

In the meantime the dining room door had been locked and the five unarmed guards were at the mercy of the prisoners. Tables were upset, chairs were demolished and dishes were hurled at the guards. One or two of the guards were struck by the flying missiles, but none of them were seriously injured.

When it became apparent that the dining room guards were unable to control the situation, an alarm was sounded and a dozen or 15 guards who were eating supper in their quarters outside of the prison enclosure rushed to the institution arsenal, obtained rifles and started for the dining room. In the meantime Warden Lillie, who was in the prison office at the time the riot started, grasped a rifle and was the first of the armed officials and guards to face the rioters.

Upon the refusal of the convicts to restore order, Warden Lillie and his guards opened fire on the leaders of the riot. It was estimated by the warden that less than 15 shots were fired in the dining room and that the convicts were cowed within five minutes after the alarm was sounded.

As soon as quiet was restored Warden Lillie ordered the wounded convicts taken to the hospital ward on the second floor of the prison, while the other convicts were marched to their cells under armed guard. No attempt was made by the prisoners to resume the demonstration after reaching their cells.

Warden Lillie said that all of the convicts wounded in the riot had been under surveillance of the prison officials and guards for some time and that none of them had received any institution privileges.

MOODY-PUTMAN

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Milton Sunday morning in the Christian church, when Miss Alta Aimee Putman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Putman, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth O. Moody, of Bend, Oregon. The couple will reside at Bend.

EASTERN OREGON WHEAT LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

More than 250 wheat growers, representing every important wheat producing county in eastern Oregon, as well as representatives of all commercial or government agencies directly concerned with the wheat industry attended the economic conference of wheat growers of the state, concluded at Moro Saturday afternoon after a three day session, was very successful, according to the Umatilla county wheat growers who attended.

Organization of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League was completed Saturday with the adoption of a constitution and election of officers. F. B. Ingles of Dufur is the first president, Charles B. Cox of Heppner, vice-president and Harry B. Pinkerton of Moro, secretary treasurer.

An executive committee from each of the 11 counties was elected. These were A. V. Swift, Baker; John Withycombe, Gilliam; Ward Farrel, Jefferson; Pete Tensen, Malheur; J. C. Turner, Morrow; W. S. Powell, Sherman; James K. Hill, Umatilla; J. A. Gaskill, Union; H. B. Davidhizer, Wallowa; C. T. Emerson, Wasco, and Mike Dukek, Wheeler.

Every phase of wheat production from preparing the soil to marketing the product was considered by the committees and the general assembly, and the reports of the committees will be published in a special bulletin that will be published soon by Oregon Agricultural college.

THREE DAYS GIVEN TO THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The basketball tournament of District No. 2 will be held in the gymnasium at MacLaughlin High school, Milton, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 25, 26 and 27, with 18 teams competing.

Athena is paired with MacLaughlin and the game will be played Friday forenoon. Competing teams from the high schools of Ione, Hermiston, Adams, Athena, Echo, Helix, Weston, Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Lexington, Milton, Pendleton. Ione and Pendleton play the first game of the tournament, Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

The finals will be played on Friday night and Saturday forenoon. The Championship game will be played Saturday night, and the winner will represent the district at the state tournament at Salem. Two years ago Athena won the district championship, and was runner-up at last year's district tournament, Pendleton winning by a narrow margin.

BEAVER PELTS

Hides from 61 beavers were shipped from Walla Walla by Game Warden Frank Bigler to the state game warden Seattle. The animals are being trapped by men licensed by the game warden, to prevent damage being done to irrigation projects. The hides are valued at \$1200, half of the proceeds to go to the county game fund and half to the trappers.

LEADS IN APPLES

The Yakima irrigation project in Washington led all others in production of apples last year. The department of interior reported that the yield was more than 108,000 tons, valued at \$4,380,000 and representing an average acre value of \$282.

DEATH OF BERT MAYS

Bert Mays, son of the late W. B. Mays and Mrs. Abbie Mays of Pendleton, and nephew of Mrs. Jennie Barrett of Athena, died at Pendleton of Brights Disease, last Friday evening. Funeral services were held at Pendleton, Sunday.

CARS COLLIDE

An automobile accident that might have been more serious occurred Monday on the highway between Athena and Weston, when a truck, and a car driven by Ralph Dowd going east collided with a car driven by Henry Dell, going west. No one was injured but the Dell car was badly damaged, the left front wheel and axle being broken and the fender smashed. The car is the property of York Dell.

CHINAS DISTRIBUTED

Eighty China pheasants from the state game farm at Pendleton, were distributed at vantage points in the Athena vicinity Tuesday, by Marion Hansell, Omer Stephens and Charlie Payne. Thirty-seven hens and forty-three roosters were turned loose to augment the pheasant colony hereabouts.

STANFIELD'S GRAZING BILL STIRS PINCHOT TO ACTION

Gifford Pinchot has characterized the proposed grazing bill of Senator Stanfield as one which "would sacrifice the rights and interests of the small rancher to the selfish and shortsighted demands of cattle and sheepmen now operating on a large scale."

Conservationists who have analyzed the bill contend that "the passage of this legislation will strangle the administration of the national forests as timber growing and water protective properties and will give to the grazing industry of the west what amounts to a perpetual grant of grazing rights on the national forests."

The association in its announcement quoted a letter which Governor Pinchot wrote to Senator Stanfield, as follows:

"Brief examination of the bill convinces me that its enactment would make impossible the growth of timber crops and the protection of water sheds for municipal water supplies, irrigation and power, throughout vast areas of the national forests in the Rocky mountains and Pacific states which would demoralize forest administration everywhere in the west and would sacrifice the rights and interests of the small ranch men to the selfish and shortsighted demands of cattle and sheep men now operating on a large scale. In short, it would go far to destroy the policy of national forest administration which was written into the law 29 years ago and was translated into fact in President Roosevelt's administration when I was forester under his secretary of agriculture, James Wilson. Such an outcome would be disastrous for the American people as a whole, and for the people of the west in particular."

"I cannot appear before your committee next week to express my views on the details of this bill because my presence in Harrisburg is imperatively required by the session. I therefore request that I be given an opportunity to be heard later."

Secretary Work is expected to be among the first witnesses, and he is opposed to the Stanfield measure, as are the national grange, American farm bureau federation, Yale university and other groups.

STEWIER IS AN ACTIVE SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

A Salem special says the "big top" event in capital political circles during the last week was the visit there of Frederick Steiwer of Pendleton, candidate for United States senator at the republican primary election. Mr. Steiwer gave an address before members of the Salem chamber of commerce at noon Monday, and later conferred with state officials and friends. He was a dinner guest of members of the American Legion at 6 o'clock. Mr. Steiwer later went to Jefferson, where he gave an address in the Masonic hall. He was born near Jefferson, where his parents now reside. The hall was crowded to capacity and the speaker received an ovation. He was accompanied to Jefferson by George Griffith, past commander of the state department, American Legion, and other members of the veterans' organization.

A "Steiwer for Senator club," with 350 active members, has been organized at Jefferson.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS SPEND A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENING

Members of Pythian Lodge, No. 29 K of P., their families and friends participated in an enjoyable social meeting in the I O O F-K of P. lodge hall last evening, when a large number were present.

A banquet supper was held at 6:30 in the dining room, after which the assemblage listened to a fine program of vocal and instrumental music.

The Jolly Joy-Maker's orchestra enlivened the occasion with a number of selections.

Mr. Clark delivered the address of the evening. Piano numbers were given by Lois Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton and Mrs. Max Hopper; Jeannamae Read, Kathryn McIntyre, Edna Pinkerton and Marjorie Montague favored with vocal solos; Marjorie Douglas gave a pleasing dance; Mrs. C. M. Eager a musical reading, and Mrs. I. L. Michener and Miss Merle Best a vocal duet.

ODD FELLOWS CONVENTION HERE ON FEBRUARY 27TH

The district Odd Fellows convention, comprising the lodges of Morrow and Umatilla counties, will be held at Odd Fellows Hall in Athena, Saturday, February 27, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The forenoon session will be devoted to various reports, selection of meeting place next year, and routine business. In the afternoon, election of officers will be made.

In the evening, the banquet will be followed by exemplification of third degree work, competitive teams entering from Hermiston, Stanfield, Pendleton, Weston and Freewater. Individual prizes will be given for the best spoken parts, and the capital prize, a loving cup will go to the winning degree team. Weston won the capital prize last year. The program follows:

9:30 a. m. Opening; Roll Call of Officers and Delegates. Address of Welcome, M. L. Watts. Response, W. O. Staver. Appointment of Committees. Statements of Vice-Presidents. General Business.

1:30 P. M. Report of Committees. Special Business. Election of Officers.

Address, Henry Young, G. M. Address, G. E. Kellough, P. G. M. of Washington.

Address, S. F. Bowman, P. G. M. Address, R. Alexander, P. G. M. Address, H. J. Taylor, P. G. M. Address, R. F. Kirkpatrick, P. G. P. Address, O. F. Steele, Grand Marshal.

Good of the Order. Street Parade. 6:00 P. M.—Banquet. 7:30 P. M.—Exemplification of third degree by degree teams from different lodges.

U. S. TRIES TO STOP BIG FOOD MERGER

National Products Corporation Is Assailed By Department of Justice.

New York.—The United States government has moved to prevent what it regards as an attempt to convert the chain-store system into linked letters for the restraint of trade and commerce.

United States District Attorney Buckner filed an equity suit in federal court to enjoin the National Food Products corporation from obtaining further stock in competing food corporations and to require the corporation to dispose of its present holdings in such concerns.

The suit was the snag upon which the third great proposed combine in America's \$22,000,000,000 food industry was caught. It followed within a few days a similar anti-trust action against the proposed \$2,000,000,000 Ward Food Products corporation and the collapse of negotiations for a \$250,000,000 combination of the Postum Cereal company and the California Packing company, generally attributed to fears of meeting government disapproval.

The district attorney charged that the National Food Products corporation, a holding corporation recently formed through acquisition of capital stock in other corporations which operate more than 16,000 chain stores throughout northeastern states, would lessen competition, restrain trade and create a monopoly of one or more lines of commerce. The total capital of such companies is in excess of \$160,000,000.

1925 FOREIGN LOANS TOTAL OVER BILLION

Washington, D. C.—Public flotations of foreign loans in the United States last year amounted to \$1,097,627,000, the Federal Reserve board announced, or nearly \$200,000,000 less than in 1924.

In addition to the public flotations, probably a quarter of a million dollars was invested abroad by American capitalists.

Of the new issues from abroad \$64,433,000 were corporate and \$53,250,000 governmental. Individual issues of more than \$10,000,000 were made by German and Italian corporations, by the Swedish-American investment company and by the Province of Ontario.

Flotations of \$182,525,000 in November were the largest in any month since October, 1924. This was accounted for chiefly by the \$100,000,000 loan to Italy.

LIQUOR PROBE IS ORDERED

Exports from British Columbia Subject to Inquiry.

Vancouver, B. C.—Shipments of liquor and drugs from British Columbia to Washington and California are to be aired in the forthcoming public investigation ordered by the government at Ottawa, it became known here.

Liquor interests here were much perturbed when it was found that the committee wanted to know all about liquor released from bonded warehouses for the past year or two, how it left the country and what guarantee the customs had that the liquor actually reached its destination as given on the export papers.

Non-Partisans to Remain Republican.

Bismark, N. D.—Condemnation of the world court and decision to continue in the republican party marked the non-partisan leaguers state convention. Voting 87 to 13, the leaguers rejected the proposal that they enter the farmer-labor party. Since they became a political power, they traveled under the republican banner. By unanimous vote the convention nominated Gerald P. Nye as a candidate for the United States senate.

Helen Wills Is Defeated.

Cannes, France.—Miss Helen Wills' quest for world supremacy in tennis has failed—but failed gloriously. The 20-year-old American champion went down before the racket wizardry of Suzanne Longien, hailed by many as the greatest woman tennis player who ever stepped on a court. The score was 6-3, 8-6. It was played before a crowd that packed the stands, with hundreds clamoring at the gates, unable to gain admittance.

A DOUBLE WEDDING

A double wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hascall near Pilot Rock, Sunday afternoon, when their two daughters became brides. Mary Eleanor Hascall was united in marriage to Mr. Edison R. Northrup, and Daphne Alice Hascall became the wife of Mr. Donald E. Merkling.

George Washington of Today

