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Congress Ends In A Bitter Filibuster

Many Important Bills Fail As a Result of Deadlock In Senate.

Washington, D. C.—The 69th congress went down to its death in a bitter political filibuster which killed all important pending legislation from widows' pensions to the \$125,000,000 public buildings bill and the second deficiency bill containing funds for important government work.

The upper house was held virtually impotent until the final adjournment, when Vice President Dawes, champion of rules revision to prevent filibusters lectured that body in scathing terms.

The proposal which tied senate procedure in a knot in the closing hours of the session was the resolution of Reed of Missouri to extend the life of his campaign fund investigation.

The principal result of the senate's failure to pass the \$93,000,000 deficiency bill were:

- World war veterans will be unable to get loans on their compensation certificates from the government.
- All increases in pensions to Civil and Spanish war veterans will be suspended until July 1 and all new pensions will be denied for a year.
- The veterans bureau will have to abandon a good part of its hospitalization program.
- The president's new radio commission will have to function on its own funds, if at all.
- Construction delayed on new federal buildings in many cities.
- The sellers of the Cape Cod canal will not get their \$11,500,000 from the government for another year at least.
- The navy cannot build three new needed cruisers.
- The army may have to discharge thousands of soldiers for lack of funds.

President Coolidge let it be known that he has no intention of calling an extra session of congress and that he is entirely satisfied with legislation passed by the 69th congress.

While inconvenience will be caused for those dependent on pensions and to certain government departments, the president believes the occasion does not demand summoning congress again.

THREE-POWER NAVAL LIMITATION IS URGED

Washington, D. C.—The United States has definitely proposed to Great Britain and Japan a three-power naval limitation conference to meet in Geneva not earlier than June 1.

In the event of acceptance by the London and Tokyo governments which have not as yet replied, France and Italy probably will be asked to send representatives to the conference as observers.

The new invitation is understood to contain no definite formula for fixing maximum tonnage limitations upon cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The purpose of the conference at Geneva will be to explore the possibilities of arriving at an understanding for these maximum tonnage limitations which could be accepted, particularly by Great Britain as a European power, and in view of the non-participation of France and Italy in the agreement.

At the White House it was disclosed that President Coolidge regards the tentative advice thus far received from abroad as promising for the success of the three-power plan.

The president believes the five-power plan would have been more promising in practical results than a three-power project could be, but he is anxious to do the next best thing if a five-power meeting is impossible.

Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson

On next Monday, March 21, will be the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson. The day will be observed quietly, though congratulations will be in order from their relatives and friends.

Through the sixty year span of their married life, many of them have been spent in Umatilla county, at the farm home west of Athena, where the family of sons and daughters were raised.

Coming to this section in early days, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson did their share of pioneering in co-operative effort with other new settlers in winning a livelihood from the soil and working to an end which has ultimately brought Umatilla county up to its present high standard.

As this venerable and highly esteemed couple rest in the mellow sunset of life, their many, many friends unite in extending congratulations for Monday's happy event, and wish for them other anniversaries in future years.

Gen. Butler is Ordered to Shanghai.

Washington, D. C.—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler was ordered to China to command the U. S. marine force of more than 2500 in Asiatic waters. He will proceed by the first steamer from San Diego.

Canada to Increase Mounted Police.

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada has decided to increase the strength of the Canadian northwest mounted police at once from 1000 to 4000 men. This force will enable the dominion to patrol the entire Canadian border to stop smuggling of liquor.

Insured Mortgage Bonds Offered Through Banks Popular With Investors

Insured mortgage bonds have become so popular with investors that the banks of the Northwest, including the First National Bank of Athena, have taken them over for distribution among such patrons as desire them.

The bonds are issued by the Mortgage Security Corporation of America and are unconditionally guaranteed by the National Surety Company said to be the world's largest surety company. The Mortgage Security Corporation of America and the National Surety Company are recognized as pioneers in establishing positive standards of safety and a sense of complete confidence in the field of mortgage investments, bankers declare.

The basic securities for the bonds are formed by loans on owner-occupied houses and income producing properties of a type acceptable for trust funds. Loans average \$7,000, distributed over 350 progressive cities of the nation the bankers point out. Property values average nearly twice the amount of the loans. The loans are submitted to the Mortgage Security Corporation by a responsible local mortgage house with their guarantee.

The insured mortgage bonds of the Mortgage Security Corporation of America offer the investor a high degree of safety and a logical form of investment, according to bankers. The investor carries insurance on his own life, on his property, and it is a reasonable and logical sequence to carry insurance on his invested income.

Brownlee, Holdup Man Taken at Walla Walla

Alfred Brownlee, 27, alias Jack Heshman, who according to officers has confessed his part in the wounding of one man in a poolroom at Veneta, Oregon, near Eugene, and the subsequent fatal shooting of a posseman was caught by officers at Walla Walla Sunday.

He was arrested by Sheriff Earl McInroe and Deputy Elmer Johnson, giving up without a struggle. His supposed pal, Dewey Russell, 26, is held at Eugene. The men are charged with the holdup of the Veneta pool hall a week ago Sunday night, William Maddaugh the proprietor being wounded. Eston Hooker, 22, a posseman was wounded a little later, dying the next day.

Brownlee's arrest was very commonplace. He was unarmed and bore two wounds, one in the shoulder, the right shoulder the other in the right hand. From the hand was extracted a bullet Sunday afternoon. Brownlee reached Walla Walla by auto Sunday night having been given a ride from western Oregon. Sheriff McInroe got a tip that a man was there who had been wounded and who acted as though he was trying to hide.

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ROSAMOND REED



Miss Rosamond Reed, daughter of Senator and Mrs. David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, whose engagement to Charles Denby, Jr., son of former United States Minister to China and Mrs. Charles Denby of Washington, has been announced by her parents.

where he had the reputation of being a fighter of prowess. When he became converted Petelle left everything of his former life in the camps behind and worked hard and faithfully for his college education and ordination.

Petelle is known in Athena. It will be remembered that he came here from Walla, a couple of years ago and held a series of meetings at the Christian church. He was a man of good address and appearance, and gave the impression of being an evangelist of more than ordinary ability.

Cleve Stanton Has Stroke

Cleve Stanton suffered a slight paralytic stroke at his home in Athena early Tuesday morning. His right side is affected. Mr. Stanton has been suffering from severe pains in his head for several weeks. About 3 o'clock Tuesday morning he arose from bed to start a fire, and while in the act of turning on the light, he was stricken and fell to the floor. With aid from his aged mother, he was returned to his bed. Mrs. Stanton then called James Huggins, and later Dr. Sharp arrived at the Stanton home. The patient rallied and has given indications of improvement.

"Baz" Here From Boise

Coach Basler and his Boise, Idaho, basketball team were in Athena for a short time Monday evening. "Baz" and his athletes were en route by automobile to Moscow, Idaho, to participate in the state basketball tournament. The Boise team has a clean score this season, having every game played in their district, winning two by a one-point margin.

Legion Convention

The American Legion district convention, comprising Legion Posts in Gilliam, Union, Morrow and Umatilla counties, will be held tomorrow at Pendleton.

League Addressed on Subject of Banking

Interesting Meeting Coming With Agriculture, Text Books Subject.

M. L. Watts, manager for the Preston-Shaffer Milling company and vice-president of the First National Bank of Athena, delivered an address before the members of the Men's League at the Baptist church Friday evening, on the subject of banking.

Mr. Watts' discourse covered banking in all its phases, and especially the speaker enlightened his hearers on the relations and influence the federal reserve system, through its twelve district banks, has in the stabilization of commerce and financial conditions, generally.

The next meeting of the league will be held at the Baptist church on Friday evening, March 25. For this meeting a larger attendance is anticipated, and details for the program to be given on that occasion are now being worked out.

O. C. Hadley, superintendent of the Athena schools will deliver an address before the league at this meeting on the timely topic of school text books. Another interesting topic, agriculture, will be discussed by County Agent Holt, who will acquaint the farmers and business men with different angles of that subject.

Traveling Range Salesmen

Nine horse and buggy outfits conveying range salesmen for an Eastern concern, are traveling throughout Umatilla county soliciting orders, mostly from country people. Hardware dealers carry stocks of the best makes of cook stoves and ranges, and these local dealers, in business here at home, stand behind every sale they make, and as a rule carry on hand extra parts and repairs for the stoves they sell.

Annual Pythian Convention

The annual convention of Knights of Pythias lodges of Umatilla county will be held at Pendleton, Monday, March 21. A number of grand lodge officers will be present to participate and the lodges of the county will attend in a body so far as possible. Amplified work in the rank of Page will be given. A banquet supper will be served and speakers are on the program for addresses.

New Electrician

Ralph Singer and family of Waitsburg, will come to Athena to reside. Mr. Singer will be electrician for the Preston-Shaffer Milling company, taking the place of former electrician Drexel. Mr. Singer has been here in the past, doing work for the milling company. The family will occupy the residence of the late Mrs. A. J. Wagner, in the north part of the city.

Letters From France Come to the Pupils of Miss Rodman's Room

Miss Rodman's room in the Athena schools has been doing a very interesting piece of work lately. Some time ago the pupils wrote letters in France who has pupils about the same age as the ones in Miss Rodman's room. This week a packet of thirty nine letters was received from the pupils in France. Mr. Hadley has been kept quite busy translating the letters. Following is a translation of one of the letters:

Couzon, France
 February 13, 1927.

Dear American Friend:

I was very agreeably surprised Monday morning when our teachers called us together to hear your letters. First our teacher showed us where you lived on the map. I looked at your letters but I didn't know one word. Our teacher translated the letters for us.

Couzon, is in a little valley near the Saone river. There are eleven hundred people in this town. We are 15 kilometers (9 miles) from Lyons, the big silk center. This valley is noted for its cherries, and when you come to see me you must taste some as they are very good.

Our school building is made of yellow limestone which is quarried here. The boys and girls are together in our school, but usually they are separate. We have three rooms, the first is for pupils from four to seven years old, the next from seven to ten, and the third ten to thirteen. I am twelve years old, and one meter and 53 centimeters tall.

We do not have the winter sports you speak of as we have only had one centimeter (less than an inch) of snow this winter. We play many American games as your superintendent taught the games to our teacher when he was in France.

My father has been to New York eleven times as he was a sailor. Now he works on the Paris, Lyons, Mediterranean rail road. My mother works in the silk factory.

We have a phonograph and a moving picture machine in our school. I hope I see some pictures of your country soon.

I will close by sending you the affections of my heart with a big kiss.

Your little French friend,
 Maria Charrier.

Umatilla County Boy is With Portland Beavers

Cecil Duff, Freewater baseball pitcher, who will be remembered as a good player by Athena fans, is with the Portland Beavers, coming up from the Virginia league. Speaking of Duff's work against the San Jose team, in the Beaver's first practice game, which San Jose won 3 to 5, the Oregonian says:

Just the same, this lad Duff, from Freewater, Oregon, and Petersburg of the Virginia league, made a great impression by his pitching. Duff is one of those tall, lanky, long-armed hurlers and he worked with the polish of a big leaguer. He unfurled a fast ball which he kept low, and a slow curve that was very effective. And better yet, he gave every indication of being a pitcher with control.

On his showing this afternoon, it looked very much as if he can be counted on as a regular. He has a sweeping, easy overhand delivery, showed great coolness under fire and uncovered a move to first that made Ernie Johnson and Tom Turner look at each other. Duff is no green pea.

Blue Line Driver Fined

Weston Leader: K. B. Kinman, driver of one of the Blue Line stages, was arrested Wednesday by Traffic Sergeant Lieullen for exceeding the speed limit on the highway between Milton and Athena. He was taken before Justice Scott at Milton, reports the Eagle, where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs, after which he finished his run to Walla Walla. This was said to be Kinman's second arrest for speeding. It was found that he did not have an Oregon driver's license and he was ordered to procure one. The stage he was driving had only an Idaho license and he was ordered to see that it was equipped with Oregon license plates before driving it into this state again.

Everett Rothrock is out of the hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis, and is recovering. "Never again," quoth Everett.

Church Bombers Are Foiled By Policemen

An Attempt to Destroy San Francisco Edifice Results In Death of One.

San Francisco, Cal.—Police surprised two men attempting to bomb the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul here early Sunday, shooting and killing one and wounding the other.

The dead man's name has not yet been learned, while the other, wounded in the leg, was identified as Celstun Ecklund, 45, ex-janitor of San Jose, Cal. Several years ago he was arrested in Seattle as an I. W. W. agitator.

The church, one of the most imposing edifices in the city, already has been bombed four times since January, 1926.

The latest attempt to blow up the structure took place at 4:20 A. M. Police stationed in and around the church saw the two men place the bomb in the doorway and start away. Failing to respond to a call to halt, some of the officers opened fire while another cut the fuse on the bomb.

Motives for the bombings have never been learned.

The shooting of the bombers was the result of a carefully arranged trap which police had maintained every Sunday morning for weeks.

The two men approached the building on opposite sides of the street. One placed the bomb against the entryway wall and lighted the fuse, while the other—Ecklund—stood across the street.

The police shouted at the bomber to halt and shot him when he fled. While one policeman, Joe Gremminger, seized the bomb and tore away the sputtering fuse, the others shouted to Ecklund to surrender and shot him when he ran.

HOSE LINE USED BY BOOZE THIEVES

Chicago, Ill.—More than 600 feet of hose was used by thieves in siphoning bonded whisky from a government warehouse to an apartment building. It was revealed after police and federal agents had captured four men in a spectacular pistol fight and recovered thousands of dollars' worth of liquor.

The four were William "Klondike" O'Donnell, who was held for a time in connection with the slaying of Assistant State's Attorney McSwiggan last year; William "Fur" Sammons, known to police as a gangland power; John Barry and John Davis.

A fifth man was pursued over the roof of the warehouse but he escaped amid pistol fire by dropping down a wall of the building which houses "pre-war" liquor valued at \$1,000,000.

O'Donnell and Barry were found manning two high pressure pumps, from which the raiders trailed the long stretch of hose to a battery of tanks in the apartment building. The tanks already had received whisky which federal agents estimated was worth \$200,000.

FEDERAL LAWS APPLY

Supreme Court Rules Right to Vote Not to be Abridged.

Washington, D. C.—Political party primaries were held by the supreme court to be subject to federal laws.

Deciding a case from Texas, the court held that the states are restricted in their jurisdiction over the primary and cannot bar voters from the polls on account of color or race.

Justice Holmes delivered the opinion, and no dissent was announced. Negroes denied the right to vote in a primary on account of color, he said, had ground for damages, since the constitution guarantees the negro equal rights.

The Texas law prohibiting negroes from voting in the democratic primaries was therefore declared void and unconstitutional.

Florence Banker to Plead Guilty.

Eugene, Or.—Henry L. Bergman, president of Lane County State & Savings bank at Florence will plead guilty in the circuit court on the charge of embezzlement of bank funds, according to his attorney, E. R. Bryson, who made a statement recently. E. O. Emmell, attorney for Harriet Weatherston, the cashier, jointly charged with Bergman, said he had no statement to make.

Tapping Time



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