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TO RUSH ACTION ON TAX REDUCTION BILL

Administration Leaders Reach
Agreement to Shove
Bill Through.

Washington, D. C.—Definite agreement has been reached among house administration leaders to give the prospective tax reduction bill right-of-way upon the opening of congress in December.

Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, which met here Monday to prepare the bill which is expected to cut at least \$300,000,000 from the tax revenue toll next year, said a measure will be ready for presentation on the opening day of the session.

The house will be able to pass the bill before the Christmas holidays, Mr. Green predicted. With senate leaders planning enactment action on it there, final enactment of a measure by March 1, fifteen days before first payments of the new year are due, is believed possible.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, appearing before the house ways and means committee, proposed tax reductions of between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000, through the new revenue law, giving assurance that this sum could safely be spared from the treasury.

He advocated fixing the maximum normal tax of 5 per cent and the maximum surtax at 2 per cent; urged repeal of the federal estate tax, gift tax and certain miscellaneous taxes, declared strongly for repeal of the publicly provision of the present law.

Taxes on automobiles, except possibly trucks, tires and accessories, should be retained, he said, arguing that "so long as the government is contributing over \$90,000,000 a year to roads on which these automobiles run, they certainly ought to be made to pay their way."

U. S. TO CALL NEW ARMS CONFERENCE

Washington, D. C.—Another arms conference, aimed to accomplish what the original Washington conference left undone, was regarded here as virtually a certainty, perhaps within the next year.

President Coolidge is ready to issue the invitations, just as soon as he is assured that the nations of Europe and Asia, are willing to come in.

The signing of the Locarno security pact, under which France, Germany and their neighbors agree to abolish warfare among themselves, has in his opinion, removed the last great obstacle to the success of such a gathering.

The chief aims to be sought in this second Washington conference are expected to be:

- 1—Reduction of the world's standing army.
- 2—Limitation of aircraft armament.
- 3—Limitation of submarines both as to size and number that each nation may possess.
- 4—Limitation of those classes of auxiliary naval ships that the first Washington conference left untouched.

WAGE LIMIT ACT INVALID

Arizona Law Providing Minimum Pay for Women Held Void.

Washington, D. C.—The Arizona minimum wage law for women was held to be unconstitutional by the supreme court.

The court's position was set forth by its action in affirming the decision of the lower courts on the issue. The attack upon the law was made by A. Saldell, owner of two stores at Nogales, who employed four women clerks and contended that if compelled to pay them each a minimum wage of \$16 a week, as required by the state statutes, his business would be ruined.

Replying, the state held that he was not required to employ women and insisted that the law was a valid exercise of its police powers. The federal district court of Arizona held, however, that it was invalid and enjoined the state officers from enforcing it.

Stewart Enters Oregon Senate Race.

Portland, Ore.—Frederick Stewart of Pendleton entered the race for the republican nomination for United States senator when he issued a preliminary announcement from his home town. He makes the fourth aspirant in the field, the others being R. N. Stanfield, incumbent; A. R. Shumway of Milton, and J. J. Crossley of Portland.

Former Chief of G. A. R. Dies, Columbus, Ohio.—Captain Daniel M. Hall, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here from heart trouble. He had been ill a year. Captain Hall was 82 years old.

CAPTAIN INMAN



Capt. J. B. Inman of Springfield, Ill., who was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the national encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.

TOM MURRAY TO DIE DECEMBER 18

Salem, Or.—Tom Murray, convict convicted of the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, was sentenced by Judge Percy R. Kelley to hang for the crime on December 18.

The sentence was imposed after Murray had made a statement to the court, pleading for mercy on his record and his youth.

On August 12, Murray, leading a trio of convicts, rushed through the prison lines in a dash to freedom. In the engagement that ensued Murray killed Guard Sweeney and another guard, John Holman, was shot to death. A third guard, Lute-Savage, was wounded so seriously that his recovery was for a time in doubt.

Bert "Oregon" Jones, one of the four desperados was shot in the encounter and a few minutes later took his own life.

Murray, Wilcox and Kelley, the other convicts, made good their escape and after eluding officers in Marion county, slipped through to Washington, where they were captured, Murray in a Centralia hotel and Kelley and Wilcox near White Salmon.

HUGE GUN COMING WEST

Fort MacArthur, Cal., to Have Big Rifle Mounted Shortly.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam's biggest and newest mobile shooting rig, a 14-inch rifle on a railway mount, has started westward from the Aberdeen, Md., army proving grounds bound for California over the trail blazed by the pioneers of '49.

Within two months it will be pointing out over the Pacific from Fort MacArthur, 25 miles south of Los Angeles. The great gun and its mount measures 95 feet in length and weighs 730,000 pounds, exceeding the weight of any locomotive yet built. The gun will travel mounted on four trucks. The railroad route westward had to be surveyed carefully to insure safe passage.

U. S. Gets \$118,285 from World Games.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam's cut in the world series proceeds was \$118,285. This amount was collected by the treasury in taxes on regular admission tickets and such levies as revenue collectors were able to make on scalpers.

A monster sturgeon for western Oregon waters was caught in the lower Umpqua river by Charles Tilton, a fisherman from Coos bay. The sturgeon was one of the white variety and weighed 250 pounds.

Albany's sixth death from pneumonia occurred when Vincent, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marguren, died at the home of his parents.

In spite of the severe weather of last winter Lincoln county this year will harvest the largest crop of Evergreen blackberries ever known.

Oregon's hop crop for the year 1925 probably will exceed 80,000 bales, or 10,000 above last year, according to figures compiled. The prevailing price for hops is 25 cents per pound, but in some instances the growers have received as much as 27 cents for their product.

Pools on fresh cherries, raspberries and strawberries have just been closed by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, according to announcement at the office of the association, and exceptionally good prices are reported to have been received for these products.

The Dalles cannery of the Libby, McNeil & Libby company is now sending out 10,000 cases of fruit weekly, with the expectation that this total will be increased to 15,000 or 25,000 cases in the near future. The cannery is employing 240 women and 150 men, with a payroll of \$10,000 weekly.

Dairy Cow Testing and Feeding Demonstration



SEGIS PIETERTJE PROSPECT-221846
World's Record Cow for Milk Production—37,312 Pounds in One Year. Born April 10, 1913, Died March 10, 1925. Owned and Developed by Carnation Milk Farms, Seattle, Washington.

One of the features of the Dairy Section at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, October 31st to Nov. 7th, will be a demonstration of testing for butterfat and cost accounting of feed of two groups of dairy cattle, using five average Oregon cows in one group. These cows will give about 4000 pounds of milk per year, which is about Oregon's standard and the standard of the United States, too.

In another group will be five purebred cows, featuring each of the five well-known breeds whose production will be from 8,000 to 13,000 pounds of milk per year. Purebred cattle have produced more than this amount but it is thought to impress the public of the desirability of owning a string of well bred cows which shall give at least twice as much as the average Oregon cow—the cost of these cows being not greatly in excess of good grade cows and with a possibility, during times when calves are in demand, of making for their owners.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of
Past Week Briefly Com-
piled for Our Readers.

A hearing on the application of C. D. Barnum to dismantle the Meador Coast railroad, which extends from Meador to Jacksonville, has been set for October 31 at Medford by the public service commission.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic at Salem protested to the state fair board against the showing on the fair grounds of a body purporting to be that of J. Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Lincoln.

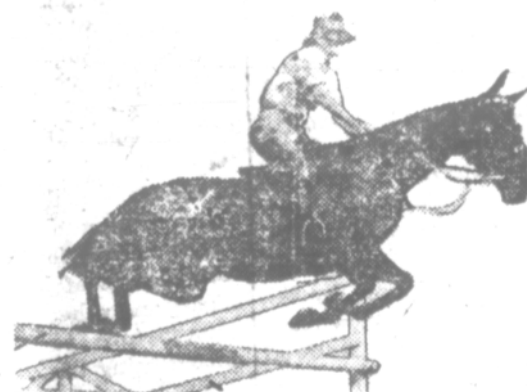
The first teachers' institute to be held in Lane county since the legislature more than two years ago abolished the law providing for such meetings in each county will be held in Eugene November 12 and 13.

W. P. Erhart, operator of a shingle mill at Canby, in the western end of Lane county, has just purchased from the government through the forest service 1,800,000 feet of dead cedar timber at \$1.50 a thousand feet.

Construction of new buildings in Bend reached its peak for the year in September, and doubled the mark for the same month in 1924. Permits were granted for buildings, aggregate cost of which will be \$53,005.

Lumber shipments from the Columbia river for the past month totaled 66,394,000 feet. Salmon shipments for September totaled 93,062 cases and cereal shipments—195,640 bushels of wheat and 24,873 barrels of flour.

America's Greatest Horse Show



MRS. ROGER PERINE OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST NOTED RIDERS, AND HER HUNTER, "JOHN PEEL."

The Pacific International Horse Show, Portland, Oct. 31st to Nov. 7th, again takes the front of the stage in 1925 with the largest offering of premium money in America.

\$28,000 for the 85 classes to be shown of which \$19,000 is in stakes—seven of \$2,000 and five of \$1,000—make this a phenomenal prize list. The stake events are: Olympic Hotel, Seattle, \$2,000, for five-gaited horses; Seattle Horse Show Association, \$2,000, to be shown in two divisions as follows: \$1,000, five-gaited mares and geldings; \$1,000, five-gaited stallions and geldings; Northwestern National Bank, \$2,000, for roadsters; Portland Chamber of Commerce, \$2,000, for heavy harness ponies; Sovereign Hotel, \$2,000, hunters and jumpers; Portland Hotel, \$2,000, heavy harness horses; Multnomah Hotel, \$2,000, three-gaited horses; W. F. Turner, \$1,000, junior five-gaited horses; Henry Thiele, \$1,000, Shetland ponies; Oids, Wertman & King, \$1,000, polo mounts; Benson

Hotel, \$1,000, fine harness horses; and Imperial Hotel, \$1,000, six-milana driving.

The greatest series of horse shows ever known is being held now in California at Stockton, Sacramento, Ventura and Pomona, all former shows being augmented by a flood of newly purchased show horses. According to General Manager O. M. Plummer of the Exposition and Horse Show Manager, A. P. Fleming, a train load of livestock, of which 14 carloads are horses, will come from the east to Portland this fall, as will all the horses now showing in California.

The result of these additions will unquestionably enable the Pacific International to break the size and quality records now being made in the south.

The growth of the horse show feature of the Pacific International is one of the most significant facts of the comeback of the horse.

CHAS. MacVEAGH



Charles MacVeagh of New York and Washington, who has been selected as American ambassador to Japan.

INCREASE SHOWN IN PACIFIC COAST FARMS

Washington, D. C.—The number of farms in the United States has decreased 75,735 since 1920, the department of commerce disclosed in a preliminary announcement of the 1925 farm census, which placed the total at 4,373,608.

The number of farms in Washington was put at 73,271 in 1925, an increase of 8983; the number in Oregon at 55,911, an increase of 6705, and in California at 136,341, an increase of 18,743.

The farm census of Idaho shows 40,584 farms in 1925, a decrease of 1523 since 1920.

The Pacific coast region was the only section of the country to show a considerable increase in agricultural activity, attributed to the progress of reclamation projects. The only other section giving evidence of any gain at all was the west south central, where 2.2 per cent more farms were counted.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

General Isaac R. Sherwood, 90, retired member of congress and civil war veteran, died in his home in Toledo, O.

Samuel Moffett Ralston, junior United States senator from Indiana, who died in Indianapolis was buried at Lebanon, Ind., Saturday.

Assurance that American bankers will not lend money to foreign governments against the administration's wishes has been given President Coolidge.

Industrial employment, regarded as a barometer of general business conditions, is increasing all over the country, the department of labor has announced.

Commander J. C. Hunsaker, assistant naval attaché at London, told the president's air board at its concluding session that the United States ranks third in air power among the nations of the world.

Shanghai, gateway port of China, fell into the hands of the new military ruler, General Sun Chuan-fang, Chekiang commander. Without firing a shot 10,000 of his troops took possession of the city while 15,000 troops of General Tso-Lin, who have held the city for months, withdrew toward central China.

Hard Task Faces State Legislature.

Seattle, Wash.—The chances that the special session of the Washington legislature will be a short one are made uncertain by the increasing number of new measures to be introduced. No regular session of recent years has been preceded by more preparations for new legislation. Apart from whatever may be recommended by Governor Hartley, approximately 200 new measures already are in sight for the special session, some of them resulting from the action of the legislature last winter, and others emanating from various organizations and associations.

Oregon Auto Values Set at \$104,000,000

Salem, Or.—With approximately 208,000 motor vehicles registered for the year 1925, a conservative estimate has placed Oregon's motor vehicle wealth, using \$500 a car as an average basis of valuation, at \$104,000,000. If the past average rate of increase is maintained there will be 215,000 licensed automobiles in Oregon at the close of the year, representing a total investment of \$107,500,000.

Five New Air Mail Routes Planned.

Washington, D. C.—Another step toward linking all important cities of the United States by air mail was taken when the postoffice department began clearing the way to start five of the new air routes. The line from Elko, Nev., to Pasco Wash., operated by Walter T. Varney, San Francisco, is included.

LOCARNO IS GAY OVER PEACE PACTS

Great Conference Ends in a
Blaze of Glory and With
Everybody Happy.

Locarno, Switzerland.—Europe's security conference ended literally in a blaze of glory. There were fireworks, music and dancing to commemorate the initialing of five pacts which the allied and German statesmen have formulated with the idea of a new Europe arising from the old slough of discord.

The delegates have shown their belief that real friendship and cooperation and burial of past dissensions easily may be achieved by continuing the good spirit which was given birth in Locarno. All the statesmen are unanimous that the results attained at the security conference exceeded their secret expectations. The five treaties are:

The Rhine pact, by which France, Germany and Belgium agree to refrain from attacking one another, with Great Britain and Italy agreeing to act against a violator of the pact.

Arbitration conventions between Germany and France, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

In addition, there is an understanding that Germany shall join the League of Nations.

Dr. Stresemann, the German foreign minister, joined M. Briand, France's foreign minister, in declaring that Locarno must mark the beginning of a new era in the peaceful development of the lives of nations, based on mutual confidence and good will.

Particularly felicitous were the speeches of the leading delegates at the final conference when adjournment was taken with the understanding that the treaties would be signed in London December 1.

EVACUATION OF COLOGNE EXPECTED

Paris.—Evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead, now held by British troops, is expected to result from the agreement reached in the security conference, although it was said in French official circles that no promise, verbal or written has been made to that effect.

Foreign Secretary Chamberlain of Great Britain and Foreign Minister Briand of France, who returned from Locarno, discussed with Premier Painleve the question of re-allocating the territory in the Rhineland between the forces of the allied powers after the evacuation of Cologne.

This was taken to mean that the bridgehead would be returned to the Germans within a few weeks.

Renewal of German co-operation in the administration of the occupied territory is being considered by the allies.

The desire of the latter, it is said in official circles is to give the Germans every satisfaction possible in the administration of German territory on the left bank of the Rhine.

A. F. L. RE-ELECTS GREEN

Convention Votes Against Formation of New Party.

Atlantic City, N. J.—William Green of Cochocton, O., was unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

All other officers also were re-elected by acclamation.

Detroit, Mich., was selected as the 1926 convention city of the federation. The federation voted, after an animated debate, against the formation of an independent labor party.

Abolition of the railway labor board because of its "futility and absolute uselessness in dealing with controversies arising between the men and management in transportation affairs," was urged in a resolution passed by the convention.

Idaho Timber Belt Will Get Railroad.

St. Paul, Minn.—Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific railway, announced here that a branch railroad 41 miles long will be built from Orofino, Idaho, to Headquarters, approximately the center of the Clearwater forest. This line will reach the largest body of white pine timber standing in the United States.

California Syndicalism Law Upheld.

Washington, D. C.—The United States supreme court held in effect that the California criminal syndicalism law, under which more than a hundred men and women are serving sentences in California prisons, was constitutional. An appeal from conviction was dismissed without opinion.

French Radicals Override Cautious.

Nice, France.—The radical party conference, overriding the opposition of Finance Minister Caillaux, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the imposition of a levy on capital.