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McNARY INTRODUCES BILL TO AID FARMERS

Purpose is to Extend Help in Co-operative Marketing of Farm Crops.

Washington, D. C.—Senator McNary of Oregon was selected by President Coolidge to introduce the administration's first farm bill of the present congress, authorizing the creation of a division of co-operative marketing.

Final terms of the bill were approved at a White House conference to which President Coolidge invited Secretary Jardine and Senator McNary of Oregon and Representative Tincher of Kansas, both republicans.

The bill proposes to set up machinery in the department of agriculture through which to extend government aid in co-operative marketing of crops. It also will direct the bureau of economics to aid in finding markets for the sale of surplus crops.

Provisions of the Capper-Volstead act which permitted producers to sell products collectively would be extended, under terms of the administration bill, to the co-operative marketing organizations.

A clear road for the bill in both the senate and house is predicted by proponents, but a stubborn fight is expected to be made by some middle western members of both parties for enactment of additional legislation to provide for an export corporation to handle surplus crops.

HOUSE TO PROBE RUBBER SITUATION

Washington, D. C.—A movement to cut down American consumption of rubber has been organized with the backing of Secretary Herbert Hoover and representatives of the principal rubber consuming trades.

Within a few hours after the house had ordered an inquiry into charges of a British monopoly of the sources of rubber production, Mr. Hoover conferred with spokesmen for the National Rubber association and the National Automobile chamber of commerce and laid out a program to arouse the public to the necessity of economizing.

Every automobile user and every garage and service station manager was asked by Mr. Hoover today to co-operate in obtaining longer mileage for tires and more use of retreaded tires and reclaiming of old rubber.

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KITTITAS PROJECT IS O. K.

Federal Contract is Signed for Washington Reclamation.
Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Interior Work signed a contract for the United States for co-operative development of the Kittitas reclamation project in Washington, in accordance with the compromise act recently passed by the state legislature and approved by Governor Hartley.

This releases \$750,000 dollars appropriated at the last session which has not been expended because of the failure of the state to meet the requirement for state cooperation. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, said plans for construction work would be considered at once with Chief Engineer Walter of the reclamation service, and the unit and the kind of work to be first started will be determined.

Drye Win on First Show Down.

Washington, D. C.—In the first show down on prohibition this session, house drys swept aside, by a vote of 139 to 17, a proposal to restrict the use of funds for the purchase of liquor as evidence. The proposal was in the form of an appropriation bill amendment and would have prohibited resort to "fraud, deceit or falsehood" in the use of any of the \$250,000 set aside by the bill for buying evidence.

Frank Munsey Dies Suddenly.
New York, N. Y.—Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, died shortly before 7 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Lenox Hill hospital. He had been suffering from peritonitis which developed after an operation for appendicitis.

Dawes Nominated Reserve Brig. Gen.
Washington, D. C.—Vice President Charles G. Dawes was nominated by President Coolidge to be brigadier general in the officers' reserve corps.



Here's Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Hoping Each Day of the Coming Year Will be One of Happiness and Prosperity

SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE



Young Bob La Follette, recently elected to succeed his father in the senate, as he appeared in his office in the senate building for the first time.

SENATE CONSIDERS REVENUE MEASURE

Washington, D. C.—The \$225,000,000 reduction bill has entered upon its uncertain journey in the senate, assured only of prompt consideration.

With the measure effecting far-reaching slashes in income tax payable next March 15, President Coolidge has asked the senate to act in time for it to become law before that date.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee, to which the measure goes first for study and approval, has called the committee to meet January 4, immediately after the holiday recess.

Though passed by the house by a vote of 290 to 25, and endorsed "in principle" by President Coolidge as well as the leaders of both parties in the house, the attitude of the senate on the measure is a question mark.

The bill repeals the provision for publicity of income tax returns, voted into the last revenue act by the

senate, and the gift tax, a provision forced into the last law by the house. However, the principal fight in the senate now appears to center on the measure's income tax changes, which relieves 2,500,000 taxpayers by increasing personal exemptions from \$1000 to \$1500 for single persons and from \$2500 to \$3500 for married persons.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Ogden H. Hammond of New York was nominated to be ambassador to Spain.

President Coolidge will nominate Thomas L. Woodlock, New York, to be a member of the interstate commerce commission.

News of award by league of nations council of Mosul to British mandate state of Iraq was received with consternation in Turkey.

The Italian chamber of deputies approved the debt settlement with the United States government negotiated in Washington between Count Volpi and American debt funding commission.

Diplomatic immunity from the prohibition act was challenged in a resolution by Senator Blease, democrat, South Carolina, calling for investigation of the use of liquors at embassies and legations here.

A verdict of guilty on all specifications and a sentence of suspension for five years from "rank, command and duty" in the army, was found against Colonel William Mitchell by the court-martial trial for insubordination.

Cummins to Urge Compulsory Merger
Washington, D. C.—A new bill providing for the compulsory consolidation of all American railroads into a few great trans-continental roads was made public by Senator Albert B. Cummins, republican of Iowa, co-author of the Eych-Cummins act. The bill would give the railroads three years to effect consolidations, and at the end of that period the interstate commerce commission would be empowered to effect compulsory consolidations.

New Type Produced
Changing fish to water of a different temperature from that to which they are accustomed will, according to a Danish scientist, after several generations, produce a new type, modified in form and structure, especially in the rays of the fins and the number of vertebrae.

CHRISTMAS SEALS AID TUBERCULOSIS FIGHT

Knowledge and Practice of the Rules of Health Greatest Need.

In 1924, 593 Oregon people died with tuberculosis. Best estimates indicate that probably 5000 are afflicted with the disease. Careful studies show that between the ages of 15 and 40, which may be called the best years of life, more Oregonians die of tuberculosis than from any other cause of death and the same is true throughout the United States as a whole. All this is in spite of the fact tuberculosis is known to be preventable and curable.

"We know enough about tuberculosis to scotch it within a generation. It is not lack of knowledge, it is lack of application of knowledge that impedes our progress." These were the words of Dr. Allen K. Krause, leading American authority on tuberculosis, when he visited Oregon last summer. He also pointed out that the knowledge which makes physicians confidently assert that "tuberculosis is preventable and curable" is not knowledge regarding medicines or treatments that can be called "specific cures." It is knowledge regarding the fundamental rules of healthy living.

It is disregard of the rules of healthy living that permits tuberculosis to continue as so great a menace to humane life. It is knowledge of these rules, and care in their application which will eventually overcome tuberculosis.

It is the tremendous progress in this direction which has made possible the 50% reduction in the tuberculosis death rate in the United States within the last 15 years, and the 28% reduction in Oregon's rate within the last ten years.

Christmas Seals finance the campaign of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association which is specifically designed to meet the need of teaching health. Public health nurses are put into the field in Oregon. Health teaching is taken into the Oregon schools. Literature is distributed, exhibits are prepared, and every known channel of teaching health is employed.

The objective of the health teaching is to overcome tuberculosis by striking at its vulnerable spot.

Sometimes It Does
Wickedness may prosper for a while.—L'Estrange.

SENATOR NORRIS



Senator G. W. Norris of Nebraska, who, in the belief of many political observers, will be the leader of the progressives in the senate.

Yellow Matter

From an English novel: "Mrs. Viner thought, so to speak, in head lines. Her brain resembled the bulletin of a sensational journal."—Boston Transcript.

Federal Land Sales Bring \$7531.

Washington, D. C.—Oregon's contribution to the federal reclamation fund during the third quarter of 1925 from sales of public lands was \$7531.40, the interior department announced. The receipts from Washington amounting to \$23,113.75, were the second largest from any of the western states, and Utah led the list with \$47,157.25. California's contribution was \$16,915.01. The whole sum paid into the fund during the quarter was \$130,217.32.

Mosul Policy Wins House of Commons

London.—The house of commons approved the government's Mosul policy "in principle" with only four adverse votes. The prime minister's motion asking for such approval was adopted, 239 to 4.

CHRISTMAS FINDS JUDEA IN TURMOIL

Americans Prepare Tree For Pilgrims Who Fill Jerusalem.

Jerusalem.—Christmas season this year finds the Bible lands once more disturbed by fighting and with little of that atmosphere of "peace on earth and good will toward men," which is the conventional greeting on this greatest of Christian feast days.

In Jerusalem, which stands on a city plateau as if holding itself aloof from the quarrelling Mohammedan Jews and Christians in the valley below, the missionaries and American tour east organization are providing hospitality for pilgrims, tourists and refugees in the spirit of the season.

Wearily pilgrims from far countries are climbing the roads to the city 2500 feet above sea level, to rest in hotels, lodgings and convents before fling out the single road to Bethlehem to worship at the marble manger which marks the traditional spot of the birthplace of Christ.

There will be a distinctly American touch to this year's celebration with funds sent from the United States. The American Y. M. C. A. is providing for the first time in history a community Christmas tree which is to be for all denominations, Jews, Christians and Mohammedans. The tree will be set up in the field of Boaz, where the shepherds watched their flocks by night and it will be lighted by electricity and decorated like the community trees in the United States.

Thousands of pilgrims and tourists will see the tree as they come over the road from Jerusalem on foot and by donkey, horse or automobile.

SENATE DEBATES ON WORLD COURT PLAN

Washington, D. C.—After a delay of nearly three years, the senate headed the repeated urgings of the White House and began debate on a resolution proposing American membership in the World Court.

Even in its beginnings, the discussion took on many of the same characteristics that vitalized the senate's long struggle over the league of nations. Once more the mantle of leadership for favorable senate action fell upon the shoulders of a democratic spokesman. In opposition stood a determined phalanx of freeconservatives under the captaincy of a republican chairman of the foreign relations committee. Holding the balance was a group whose leaders had been the "mild reservationists" of the fight over the league.

The resolution of adherence upon which debate began was offered by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee, without the approval of Chairman Borah.

Chairman Borah, of the foreign relations committee, fired the first salvo into the pro-court ranks.

Replying to the opening shots from Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, and Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, the Idaho senator undertook to establish what relation the world court bears "to the political institution known as the league of nations."

ADOPT NEW LUMBER GRADES

A Three Year Campaign for Changing Rules Ends.
Tacoma, Wash.—The new standardized grades and sizes for Pacific Coast lumber will go into effect January 1, thus ending a three year fight begun by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover in his campaign to bring about standardization in the lumber industry.

The announcement was made at the meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association here. President E. D. Kingsley told the association members that since the last meeting 14 more of the leading northwest manufacturers have pledged themselves to adopt the new standards by January 1. This brings the number of those so pledged to 64 per cent of the association membership and these mills have a capacity of 80 per cent of the association's output.

Iowa Town Seized by Desperados
Dows, Ia.—Making captives of the town marshal, the telephone operator and the railroad operator and severing all wire communication with other towns, half a dozen bank robbers invaded this village, wrecked the safe of the State bank at Dows and escaped with cash and bonds amounting to \$8000 or \$10,000.