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Maximum yesterday 56
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LEGISLATURE ENDS; CONSOLIDATION DIES

INCOME TAX PASSED BY FARM BLOC

Legislature Adjourned at 1.35 This Morning After Killing Consolidation Measure — Income Tax Rate From One to Six Per Cent—Lieut. Gov. Up to People.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—The Oregon legislature adjourned at 1:34 o'clock this morning, its final act being the defeat of the consolidation measure which was caught in a deadlock between the two houses.

With the farm bloc and its allied elements in complete control, the house concurred in all the senate amendments to the income tax bill, refused to add any more of its own, and passed the measure 29 to 15 and sent it on its way to the governor.

Provisions of the income tax as passed by the legislature are:

Exemptions, \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons, and \$100 exemption for each dependent. The tax rate is from one to six per cent. On the first \$1,000 net income the tax is one per cent and with each additional \$1,000 the rate increases one-fourth of one per cent up to six per cent, which is applied on \$12,000 and above.

Corporations are treated as individuals.

Operative Next Year Unless the law is held up by referendum, it will become operative next year and incomes of this year, 1923, will be subject to the tax. In making up the income return, all taxes paid except inheritance, income and local improvements can be deducted from the gross income.

It is estimated that the tax will yield between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 and will fall largely on the salaried and wage earning class. The house yesterday adopted a joint resolution referring to the people a measure which would provide that a lieutenant governor shall be elected at the same time that the governor is elected, to serve in the absence of the governor and to be president of the senate.

The house reconsidered senate bill 71, providing for the addition of a circuit judge in Multnomah county which it defeated Wednesday and passed the bill.

What Governor Secured. Most important of the things the governor asked for and received were an income tax law, a state market agent, anti-alien land law and a revolving fund of \$100,000 to develop industries at the state penitentiary.

Among the things the governor wanted, but failed to get were consolidation, a paid highway commission, severance tax on natural resources, increased tax on corporations and a tax on motion picture films. The senate killed the motion picture tax bill in the closing hours.

All Astoria relief measures failed except the bill to remit taxes at Astoria for seven years, the amount to

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Dying Husband Kept Word to Write Wife Only Cheery Letters

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Feb. 23.—

Because of an agreement entered into last October between Dr. M. Milton Brown and his wife, when the latter started on a tour around the world, to write each other only cheerful letters Mrs. Brown is unaware that her husband is dead and buried. News of the agreement was disclosed by his friends today.

Dr. Brown was sick for ten days, but he never broke his promise. "I cannot write because it would ruin her trip," he said.

Several days ago a letter was received addressed to him in which Mrs. Brown implores him to "forget that foolish promise," as she is "sick with anxiety."

But Dr. Brown never saw the letter. He died on January 25, calling for his wife, who is somewhere on the Indian ocean.

MINORITY RULE & INTOLERANCE IN U. S. A SCORED

'Hell Maria' Dawes Tells the Union League Club of Chicago That America Needs a New Bill of Rights—Klan Activities Condemned.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—A current era of increased congressional demagoguery in utterance, flaunting of radical doctrines, pardoning of men convicted of treason, inciting of lawless action by the Ku Klux Klan and abuse of power of certain labor leaders, was Mr. Average Citizen's panoramic as pictured by Charles G. Dawes, former director of the national budget, in an address before the Union League club last night.

Mentioning no names, save a tribute to "our great, strong and determined President Harding," Mr. Dawes said: "The average American citizen has witnessed the pardoning of men convicted of treason against their government in time of war, done with the apparent purpose of carrying political favor with the disreputable elements of our population.

Secret organizations spring up to meet force with force. A condition of this kind which we find in this country at the present time is a logical consequence of the weak enforcement of law and the American citizen knows it. Already organizations have been formed claiming the right to take into their own hands the enforcement of laws which the politicians in office have neglected to enforce. These organizations, starting professedly in the cause of right, using mob psychology and acquiring power thereby, in time must sink, and do sink, to the wicked lawlessness, to contend with which they have banded together. The pages of our press are filled with accounts of the Ku Klux Klan and in times of strikes with the inflammatory pronouncements of labor and other minority organizations.

Political Cowards. The patriotic American citizen de-

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SUICIDE IS THREATENED BY MARCINO

Missing Banker Writes Father-in-Law He Will Shuffle Off So Creditors May Get His Life Insurance — Second Ponzi Episode Revealed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—While officers in various parts of the United States today continued checking up the operations of Joseph M. Marcino, alias Joseph Biata, who rose from a barber to a buyer of banks and whose financial deals were reported to have caused losses amounting to \$591,000, reports here indicated that he might have committed suicide.

A letter written by Marcino from some point in Texas or Mexico to Abraham Goldman of Chicago, his father-in-law, and who, according to investigators, supplied the missing man with funds in a greater or lesser amount, was reported to indicate that Marcino might end his life so that creditors could realize on life insurance policies totaling \$100,000.

"The only thing that remains for me to do," he was reported to have written, "is to disappear from the face of this earth into oblivion, or endure a life of suffering. I only hope within a few years, through the proceeds of my insurance to repay my creditors."

Started in California. Today Frank L. Taylor, a former railroad fireman, finally advanced to president of the First National bank of Warren, Mass., by the fugitive at a salary of \$50 a week, faced arraignment in the federal court here, following the reported discovery of a \$215,000 shortage in accounts of the Warren institution.

In Buffalo, N. Y., Marcino extended his holdings subsequently buying the controlling interest in the Merchants and Mechanics bank of Philadelphia, which failed last week and the First National bank of Warren, where the discovery of an alleged shortage of \$213,000 caused officers to start a search for Marcino, and brought about the arrest of Taylor here.

Some years ago the bank of Perris, Cal., near Los Angeles, failed and Marcino's name was mentioned in connection with the collapse. After that he disappeared with his wife, going first to South America and thence to Italy. Of his return, Mr. Goldman said: "He returned to this country about 18 months ago and came to my home. Then I discovered about this California trouble. He begged me to help him and for my daughter's sake I did. Mrs. Goldman, my wife, went to California. She paid \$5000 in cash and took notes for \$6000 more to get him out of trouble.

On the Pacific coast Marcino was reported to have been connected with banking institutions in San Pedro, Beaumont, Banning, Venice and Perris. Later he was mentioned in connection with banks in the middle west.

WILLIAM BRADLEY IS GIVEN CONTRACT TO HAUL U. S. MAIL

It will cost Uncle Sam \$265 less to have the mails transported between the depot and the post office this year than it did last year, for Postmaster Warner has just received notification from the post office department at Washington that the successful bidder for the contract for transporting the mails between these two points, is Wm. Bradley of this city, and that this bid has been accepted.

The change was made necessary because of the recent resignation of Tom Norris, who has held the contract for several years past. Mr. Bradley's bid was \$875, which was the lowest among 14 bidders who some time ago submitted their figures and qualifications. Mr. Norris' contract last year for the same work was \$1140. The new contract becomes effective March 1st.

Mr. Bradley who has been operating a small furniture factory for some time past will continue that business, as the mail messenger contract only requires the hauling of the mails from the trains to the post office and vice versa, thus giving the contractor a lot of spare time between the mail carrying trains.

17-Year-Old Sisters Sue "House of David" For Forced Marriages



Mrs. Ruth Reed Benjamin Burnell the "high priest"

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Feb. 23.—A rebellion against the rule of Benjamin Burnell of the House of David, the Benton Harbor religious colony; the looting of the Shiloh building; headquarters of the sect, after a "gas" attack; seizure of \$200,000 supposed to be in the building and the setting up of a new colony, to be known as "the league of nations," and over which a woman was to rule as "queen" were being planned in 1920 when John D. Hansel of Nashville, Tenn., was expelled from the sect, according to the bill of particulars in a suit filed in court here by Burnell.

The head of the colony seeks to recover \$200,000 damages from Hansel and eight other former members of the cult who are alleged to have been parties to the reputed conspiracy to wreck the organization.

GERMAN MINISTER DECLARES RESISTANCE MEANS RUIN

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The communists in the Reichstag suffered a complete rout yesterday when Minister of Defense Gessler effectively disposed of a charge made by the "reds" that the government was winking at the alleged activities of secret nationalist organizations suspected of arranging armed opposition against the French in the Ruhr.

After branding the accusations of the communists as inventions, Herr Gessler told the deputies that the internal political situation of Germany nevertheless was one of the utmost gravity. He added that there were "enough crazy people in Germany who believed armed resistance

BIG NIGHT TONIGHT AT JACKSON SCHOOL

Tonight is a big night at the Jackson school. Mr. Edison Marshall will entertain the daddies with "hunting yams" and a recital of his traveling experiences. Mrs. Clift McCurdy and Mrs. Rawles Moore are in charge of the music. Miss Ingison's fifth grade will put on a calisthenic exercise to music and give a demonstration of folk dances. Sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served during the so-

Find Roseburg Wife In Reno, Nev., She Still Fears Hubby

RENO, Nev., Feb. 23.—Mrs.

Bertha Bland, traced to Reno yesterday after Sacramento authorities had searched for her body on the banks of the Sacramento river near where they found clothing identified by her husband, Ed Bland, as that of his wife, left Reno late last night and her attorney, H. C. Rawlings today declined to state where she had gone.

Mrs. Bland fears her husband may come to Reno and administer further beatings to her, Mr. Rawlings said today. He advised her, he said, to leave this city.

According to her attorney, Mrs. Bland says the finding of her clothing in a boat in the river was a "frameup" on the part of her husband, he hoping in that manner to locate her.

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LEGION ENTERS CRONKHITE CASE FOR DEFENDANT

Ex-service Men Finance Move to Bring Pothier Case Before U. S. Supreme Court—Man Is Held in Providence Jail.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Proceedings were instituted today in the supreme court in an effort to obtain a final decision as to the jurisdiction of the federal court to try the alleged murderer of Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, who died of a gunshot wound received at Camp Lewis, Wash., in 1918.

The court was asked to grant a petition for habeas corpus to bring before it the decision of Judge Brown of the United States district court for Rhode Island which held Roland R. Pothier without bail on his alleged confession of having fired the shot which killed Major Cronkhite.

Judge Brown, deciding that the shooting took place on a government reservation over which the federal courts had jurisdiction, refused to release Pothier on bail. Since that decision the United States commissioner in New York City and the war and justice departments have held that the federal government was without jurisdiction because the reservation had not passed into the full control of the government at the time of the shooting.

Davis G. Arnold, an attorney of Providence, R. I., acting as counsel for Pothier, began today's proceedings. Pothier is without funds, Arnold said in an application to the court to consider the case under rules which would relieve Pothier from certain filing and other charges to direct the release of his client on bail.

In orally presenting to the court his motion, Mr. Arnold said he had been retained by the American Legion, which was paying all expenses incident to bringing the case up to the supreme court. Special Assistant Attorney General James Fowler told the court that the department of justice had no objection to filing a habeas corpus petition in favor of Pothier but

3000 INDIANS MEET IN SEATTLE TO SECURE 80 ACRES EACH FROM U. S.

SEATTLE, Feb. 23.—Once the ground and undisputed owners of all the land of the northwest, 3,000 Indians are seeking from Uncle Sam, 80 acres each or the equivalent thereof. To attain this, a meeting of the Northwest Federation of American Indians will be held in Seattle tomorrow morning.

Under the treaty of Mulketto, which was negotiated between the Indians and the United States government in 1855, each Indian was supposed to get 80 acres of land. The Indians assert that the terms of the treaty were never fairly carried out. Some of the signers of the pact, they

BLOOD AGAIN SHED IN THE RUHR VALLEY

One Killed, 2 Wounded When French Troops Fire On German Crowd at Bochum—Martial Law Declared—French Take Over Customs Offices.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Martial law has been declared in Bochum, says a dispatch to the Central News, in consequence of yesterday's disturbances in which French soldiers fired on a crowd with fatal results.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Blood has again been shed in the Ruhr in the course of a French "digging in" process. One German civilian was killed and two others seriously wounded at Bochum yesterday, when two French soldiers fired upon a crowd that had gathered to watch the occupation of the law courts building. Observers said that the shooting was done by police who were obviously irritated by the jeers of the bystanders.

The decision of Premier Poincare and Theunis to administer the railroads through an allied civilian administration is designed to improve transportation conditions although General Payot said the railroads already operating under French and Belgian supervision are doing their work.

Details of the new plan will be worked out in conferences among General DeGoutte, General Payot, officials of the French ministry of public works representatives of the railroads and Paul Tiorard, president of the international Rhineland commission.

The functioning of the allied customs ring is threatened with difficulties in consequence of Berlin's order that no taxes be paid to the occupiers. Such payments, the federal minister of finance has decreed, will not be recognized by the German government. German customs officials have been reminded of their responsibility to the reich and of the government's confidence that they will resist seizure of their offices with as much firmness as has been shown by industrial workers.

The French maintain that their customs barrier is secure and that the course of Germany's economic life blood has been diverted.

The Germans, on their part, declare through the press that they are adamant in their determination not to yield and point out that such penalties as the expulsion of German functionaries only strengthen the German position.

Expulsions of Ruhr and Rhineland officials already total 476, the Germans allege.

ESSEN, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The French have decided to replace the German customs officials by French throughout the Ruhr.

believed on the contrary that it was highly desirable to have the jurisdiction of the federal courts in the matter passed upon by the supreme court.

Chief Justice Taft announced that the court would permit Mr. Arnold to file his petition and would at a later date announce its decision as to whether it would pass upon the question of whether the federal courts have jurisdiction.

16 PEOPLE, MOSTLY CHILDREN, BURNED TO DEATH IN KANSAS CITY TENEMENT

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Thirteen persons were burned to death and three others were reported missing in a fire here early today which destroyed a two story frame rooming house at 951-7 Kansas avenue.

The dead and unaccounted for are: Mrs. Elsie Colston, 27, and children, Violet 5, and John Vernon 2, Leo Brown, 32, wife, Beattie, and children, Catherine 8, Arthur 6, Margaret 4, and Leo, Jr., 2. Alonzo Bradford, wife, Lillian, 20, and infant child. Edgar Munyon, 12, and grandmother, Mrs. Munyon, 60.

Mrs. Anna Sargent, 42, and grandson, Donald, 5. Thirteen bodies had been recovered this morning. Six were adults and seven were children.

The cracking wood did not warn those sleeping in the building, survivors declared today. They said that it seemed as though the entire structure was enveloped in flames without notice.

Unusual construction of the stairway is believed by firemen to have trapped many persons. The stairs lead to a center corridor on the second floor, which branches out in four directions.