

CLAIMS POSTAL DEFICIT REDUCED BY \$30,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Extraordinary increase in business severely taxed the ability of the postal service under inadequate appropriations last year but "a most gratifying decrease in the postal deficit," amounting to approximately \$30,000,000 from the previous year's deficit, was brought about through economies, Postmaster General New informed President Coolidge today in his annual report.

"It would be an ideal condition if the department could become self-sustaining, with postage and service charges so adjusted as to do equal justice to all the using public," said Mr. New. "To attain this end, each class of mail matter need not necessarily contribute its entire estimated cost. Public policy, for instance, has long recognized the special claims for publications of a public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, or arts. It is a wise policy and makes for the general good and the public welfare. On the other hand, public policy, as evidenced by the act of congress establishing the parcel post system, favors the principle that rates for such matter shall equal the cost of service. This, too, is a wise policy, for there is no sound reason why the government should conduct a parcel business, so analogous to express, for example, on principles other than those of sound business."

The money order, the postal savings, and the parcel post systems, Mr. New said, should be entirely self-sustaining. The relation of cost to revenue for the several functions was studied in 1907-1911 and the department is making another cost ascertainment at the instance of the post office committee and the joint postal commission, which has been authorized by congress. When results are known, Mr. New declared, they will furnish a basis for an intelligent judgment as to postal rates and charges. The postmaster general made a number of recommendations for legislation along those lines including authority for him to: Fix a charge for a return receipt for a registered article; fix the fees chargeable for registration of mail matter and the limit of indemnity; extend the insurance and collect-on-delivery services to third-class mail; and prescribe fees to be collected for the issue of domestic money orders.

Mr. New also recommended that legislation be enacted to: Provide for the appointment of postmasters of the third-class by the postmaster general; pay rent on postoffice premises monthly instead of quarterly; compensate employees for overtime services in excess of eight hours daily; establish motor vehicle routes of not less than 36 nor more than 75 miles in length; increase the interest rate on postal savings deposits to 3 per cent and for other improvements; and amend existing laws in regard to examination and renewal of official bonds, age retirement of certain employees, leaves of absence of railway postal clerks, and moving expenses of officers and railway postal clerks.

U. S. NAVY PLANES TO FLY TO POLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Definite plans for a naval expedition to the north pole, to be undertaken probably next summer by aircraft, were announced today by Secretary Denby.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 3.—Advices from Christiania say, Captain Raold Amundsen's exploration ship Maud which is believed to be drifting toward the north pole with little ice packs established radio communication with Spitzbergen yesterday. Captain Wiisting reported that Engineer Sivertsen died July 10 after an illness of several months, presumably of inflammation of the brain.

The Maud was in communication with Spitzbergen early last May, reporting she was 300 miles northeast of Wrangel Island.

DANCING BRIDE TO SAIL TOMORROW

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—Major Frederick McLoughlin of Chicago and Mrs. McLoughlin, who until Wednesday was Irene Castle, remained in their suite in a hotel here today. The bride, world famous as a dancer and the groom, a coffee broker and clubman, are to leave tomorrow in the bridal suite of the liner President Grant for a honeymoon tour in the Far East.

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FRUIT AUCTION RIVALS OPEN UP CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Two fruit auction companies opened rival markets in Chicago today for the selling of fruits in less than carload lots to dealers. Each claimed that better market conditions would result.

No decided price slashes were reported, but leaders of several large commission houses predicted that lower prices and a wider market distribution would follow. The Independent Fruit and Produce Auction company, formed by about one hundred small dealers, including many representatives of various nationalities who likened themselves to a league of nations asserted the other auction company had failed in an attempt to squeeze them out. They reported they had placed on sale 61 carloads of fruit and produce.

The Chicago Fruit Auction company reported 67 carloads of fruit on sale. John Deary, a leader of the larger group, said that the auction company was formed at the behest of growers' associations to sell the associations' products under one roof instead of at private sale, as heretofore. The auction company, he said, has under contract ninety per cent of the available supply.

The big dealers who have incorporated as the Chicago Fruit Auction company deny that they have attempted to crowd out the smaller dealers.

"The central grievance against us," said F. E. Nellis, a leader of the company, "is that we propose for the first time to conduct an auction at which the citrus fruit of the southern California fruit growers' exchange will be auctioned in Chicago in less than carload lots. Previously it had been sold at private sale, which gave individual buyers a chance to procure a car and market its contents at a profit. Selling less than carload lots at public auction will widen its distribution, making it accessible to dealers and consumers it has not reached before, and I believe will mean more good fruit at lower prices for the consumer."

The rival companies which formed the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction company, patterned after a similar company in New York, tell a different story. They assert that the big dealers combined with the big shippers to form an auction company which denied the small dealer the part he had played in former auction companies.

WASHINGTON STATE STARTS DRIVE TO OUST ALL ALIENS

TACOMA, Dec. 3.—Suit was filed in superior court here today to confiscate the land holdings in this country of Franz Xaver Freidhofer as the inauguration of a campaign to eject all aliens from lands following the edict of the United States supreme court sustaining the Washington state alien land laws in all particulars. Prosecutor James W. Selden asked in the suit that the various holdings of Freidhofer, a German, be confiscated by the state because he is an alien resident and has not in good faith declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. Mr. Selden said that the state law provides no remuneration for the lands of aliens that are confiscated. The county prosecutor said that additional suits will be filed against other aliens holding lands under deed or lease and he predicted that all such aliens eligible to citizenship will hasten to become naturalized.

"The state law is not directed against Japanese," Mr. Selden said, "but against all aliens regardless of the country from which they came. It is our intention to proceed against all alien land holders as rapidly as we can discover their identity."

6 PRISONERS IN EUGENE ESCAPE

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 3.—Six prisoners escaped from the county jail here some time during the night by using an iron plate, wrenched from the jail sink, to pry loose enough bricks from the wall to make a space for a man to crawl through. The escape was not discovered until this morning. Fourteen other prisoners in the jail did not avail themselves of the opportunity to get away.

Those who escaped were: Al Neil, Peter Thorpe, H. Z. Evans, J. C. Wray, all facing liquor law violation charges; Clayton G. Hall and Wilfred Coughlin, held on larceny charges.

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EXPECT BIG CROWD AT LEGION MAT BOUT TOMORROW

A big crowd, according to indications, will witness the wrestling match tomorrow night between Ted Thye, instructor of Multnomah Athletic club, and Gus Schneidau of Medford. There is no particular love lost between these two gentlemen and Schneidau is out to recover honor lost to Thye in Portland a few weeks ago.

Two good preliminaries will precede the main event. Ticket sale for Medford is on at Brown & Brown. The American Legion is working hard to make its smokers a "big run for your money," and no doubt tomorrow night's show will more than please the audience.

INDIANA GOVERNOR HELD ON BOND OF \$25,000 FOR TRIAL

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—Governor Warren T. McCray today was served with warrants for his appearance to answer to the charges contained in eight indictments returned against him by the Marion county grand jury last Friday. Bond of \$25,000 was provided by 12 local men.

The indictments resulted from a grand jury investigation of the governor's financial transactions following admission to his creditors last August that he was unable to meet immediately his obligations to them.

The criminal charges against the governor made in the indictments are embezzlement, larceny, forgery, obtaining money under a false statement and issuance of fraudulent checks.

Harry E. Sheridan, master in chancery of the federal court resumed the hearing on a petition of three Fort Wayne, Ind., banks to have the governor declared bankrupt.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—W. B. Collins, town marshal of Tolt, fifteen miles east of here, came into Seattle today and reported to the sheriff that he had shot two robbers last night when he heard five of them looting a store. He said he saw two men fall when he fired three shots, but that all five escaped in a small automobile while he pursued them almost to this city.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Two men, who are alleged by the police to have held up the cashier of the Pacific Electric station at Sherman, near here and escaped with \$4802 in cash, were captured by Hollywood and Beverly police shortly before noon near the Doheny ranch north of Beverly hills. One of the men was shot through the back and is not expected to live. The other was shot through the arm. The money was recovered in an abandoned car.

The more seriously wounded bandit gave his name as Arthur Joslyn and the other as Howard Hines. They said they came here recently from Vancouver, B. C.

FIND SKELETON OF BOY MISSING 8 YRS.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 3.—The finding of a boy's skeleton, together with evidence making identification positive, in a swamp near Greeley, Pike county, yesterday brought to an end a search of more than eight years for four year old Jimmy Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glass of Jersey City, N. J.

OLYMPIA PORT PROJECT FAILS BY 50 VOTES

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 3.—A margin of about fifty votes defeated the \$450,000 bond issue for a port project in the election in Thurston county Saturday. E. L. Vanepps, county auditor, announced today, judging from almost complete returns.

Aberdeen Votes to Build City Power Plant, 1092 to 992

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 3.—By a majority of 100 votes, 1092 to 992, Aberdeen voters Saturday endorsed the proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue for construction of a municipal dam and power plant on the upper Wynoochee river. City officials are pledged not to proceed with construction until complete engineering data on the project is secured, which will require about a year. The Wynoochee project is said to be capable of producing between 27,000 and 34,000 horsepower.

Bible Thought for Today
DELIVERANCE AT HAND.—I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.—Psalm 91:13.

FRUIT AUCTION IS EXPLAINED TO KIWANIS CLUB

Deke Barr told the Kiwanis club all about marketing and the fruit auction at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Hotel Medford today. For the full allotted time the audience was held spellbound with a rapid description of the auction and when he initiated the New York auctioneers several of the members jumped to their feet to bid on a car of California wine grapes, which seemed to make up the greater part of the New York auction.

A letter from the Yakima Kiwanis club was read announcing a special radio program for tonight at 7:30 from Yakima station K. F. I. Q. on a 224 meter wave length. Local people were requested to listen in for an unusually fine program with the request that those picking up this program mail postal cards to the Yakima Kiwanis club, saying how the concert came in.

An invitation was read from the Roseburg Kiwanis club to the charter presentation banquet at Roseburg on December 12. Visitors to the local club today were W. W. Walker, the floral bank and Norman Evans of new vice-president of the First National Joliet, Ill., who was the guest of Guy Conner.

John Mann won the Kiwanis emblem.

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into a deadlock over the election of a speaker.

On the first ballot no candidate received the majority over all required to elect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Facing an organization row at the very outset, the 48th congress convened at noon today for a session which promises to write a colorful chapter in the history of legislation and politics.

The militant progressive bloc holding the balance in the scale of votes by virtue of the greatly reduced republican majorities, raised the flag of insurgency in the house by threatening a deadlock in the election of a speaker.

While on the senate side the opening formalities passed off with the usual outward calm and decorum, the threat of a fight to force re-organization of the senate and some of its more important committees was in the background.

In both house and senate the gavels fell promptly at twelve o'clock with Senator Summings of Iowa, the president pro tem, presiding over his colleagues, and Clerk William Tyler Page occupying the speakers' chair of the house pending the outcome of the fight over the speakership.

For an hour before the house went into session the progressive bloc had been in conference.

"No Election Today."

"There will be no election of speaker today," said Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, chairman of the group, after the meeting. He reiterated that the bloc controlled enough votes to prevent the re-election of Speaker Gillett, but declined to say how long the insurgents expected to hold out.

"Our real fight," he said, "will come later when we seek to modify house rules."

The senate democrats also held a conference elected Senator Robinson of Arkansas as democratic floor manager and selected a slate of candidates for senate offices.

The republican senators at a meeting last week had re-elected Senator Lodge of Massachusetts as their leader.

Democrats Outline Program.

Legislative issues were not discussed at the democratic meeting. "While we are not prepared and do not propose at this time to assume the responsibility which devolves upon the majority to take the initiative respecting the details of legislation," said Senator Robinson afterward, "it is expected that our organization will stand for a material reduction in taxes and for aggressive measures to effectuate retrenchment in public expenditures."

"The transportation question is worthy of careful study and decisive action. Practical and well considered measures for the relief of conditions among farmers will receive sympathetic attention. Proposals aimed for the adjustment of international conditions are to be disposed of without partisanship."

LaFollette III.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, the recognized leader of the progressive bloc, was the only absentee when the roll was called in the senate. He has been ill for several days and probably will be unable to attend senate sessions before next week. The new senators and those re-elected at the last election took the oath of office, administered by Senator Cummins, while crowds which overflowed the galleries looked on.

Mrs. Coolidge, wife of the president.

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was seated with several friends in the president's gallery. Baiting for speaker in the house was delayed while the clerk went thru the long formality of calling the roll by states to determine whether a quorum was present. The galleries there

were packed too, the crowd extending into adjoining corridors. Senator Walsh of Montana was named vice-chairman of the democrats' conference; Senator Pittman of Nevada was nominated as the democratic candidate for president of the

senate, and Senator Gerry of Rhode Island was re-elected party whip. Senator King of Utah was named secretary of the conference. J. Edward Hasley of Virginia was nominated by the democrats as candidate for secretary of the senate.

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