

GOVERNOR PIERCE WANTS BURDEN OF TAXES SHIFTED

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—The tax reduction meeting today was called to order by Paul B. McKee of Medford, manager of the California Oregon Power company and president of the taxpayers' conference.

There was a review of the last conference read by Secretary A. C. Rees of Salt Lake City.

A talk by Milbank Johnson was the feature of the forenoon session. He told of many of California's troubles, and declared that state has one problem in common with all other western states—that of getting permanent settlers and more capital.

"In other days we used to vie by offering lands and tell of the best highways for the farmers to get to market. We used to tell of what we would give them to aid them in making their fortunes," he said, "but times have changed. Now we want them to come and bring their wealth with them. We want the money along with the people."

Johnson criticized the state inheritance tax, which he said was keeping many from taking out citizenship "papers."

"Every day I get letters from people in the east and middle west asking me how much it costs to live in California," he said. "I have to tell them if they have any property it will cost them a great deal more than in their own state. So out they come to look in the sunshine but retain voting rights in the old home town."

Governor Pierce, in his address, declared that the sum total of taxes cannot be reduced owing to the rapidly increasing demands of society, but urged a more even distribution of the taxpaying burden.

The governor cited a vast array of figures to show the rich corporations paid a very low tax on a high valuation. This valuation was proved by returns made to the federal income tax department, whereas the valuation made to county and state were very low, he said.

Pierce declared the farmer is still carrying the tax burden, and that efforts should be found to distribute this burden to corporations and wealthy bond and mortgage holders.

GASOLINE WAR IN MIDDLEWEST STARTS DECLINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Reductions in the price of gasoline ranging from 2 cents a gallon to a half-cent have been announced by the Sinclair Oil & Refining company and Standard Oil companies. The 2-cent cut was made by the Sinclair company in middle western states to meet a similar announcement by the Standard Oil company of Indiana last night. The Sinclair company also posted a cut of a cent in the price of kerosene in the same territory.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey dropped its price half a cent a gallon on gasoline throughout its entire territory. This was the fourth reduction announced this month by this company. The new price will be 16 cents a gallon in New Jersey, Baltimore and Washington, D. C., and 17 cents in other parts of the territory, including Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North and South Carolina.

The Tidewater company, the Gulf company and others cut gasoline a half-cent in their territory.

PRIZE BULL SOLD AT RECORD PRICE

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—What cattlemen say is a world record price for a bull was paid yesterday at the annual cattle show. A prize winning shorthorn bull, named Faithful, was knocked down for \$60,000 to Hartstone Glincoch. It is asserted that the previous high mark paid for a bull was 16,500 pounds in England, whereas Faithful fetched the equivalent of 12,175 pounds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—The world record price for a bull is \$102,000, paid in the United States by the Carnation Farms company for a Holstein. The previous record was \$60,000, paid by two owners for the Argentine prize of \$60,000 for a shorthorn is undoubtedly a record for that breed.

ROSEBURG GIRL BADLY HURT BY WRINGER

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 25.—Grace McKibben, 4-year-old daughter of H. S. McKibben, local railroad employe, sustained a badly mangled arm this morning when she stuck her fingers in the wringer of an electric washing machine. Her arm was drawn into the rollers and was crushed to point above the elbow.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 24.—Firemen attracted by shrieks of "Oh, Lord!" find parrot yelling near his prospective mate.

PROBE EXPLOSION OF MORTAR SHELL AT CAMP GRANT

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 25.—A board of inquiry will investigate the explosion of a trench mortar at Camp Grant which killed eight and wounded twelve negro members of the Eighth Infantry regiment of Chicago.

From witnesses only a hazy story of the tragedy has been gathered. Captain Osceola Browning, a World War veteran and one of the slain, was in command of practice firing with three-inch Stokes trench mortars, using projectiles filled with sand instead of high explosive.

After the propelling charge of explosive in the shells failed, witnesses said, the sand filling was removed from the projectiles and in its place some of the cordite, a high explosive, was inserted.

Such a shell exploded inside the gun, throwing fragments of metal in every direction and scattering the dead and injured about.

The explosion followed by a few hours the injury of eleven citizens who were burned during a demonstration.

Captain Browning, as a first lieutenant, won a croix de guerre and was cited for valor in 1918.

Chinese Military Man Offers to Act Hostage

HARBIN, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—A Chinese military officer has offered himself as a hostage for Dr. Harvey J. Howard, the American who was captured some time ago by bandits in Manchuria and is proceeding to the bandit camp.

Samuel Sokolov, the American consul, has arrived in Mukden from the vicinity of the camp. He expressed the belief that Dr. Howard may be released in ten days.

MURRAY'S PARENTS TO AID

heads might be erected to expedite the draining.

Mrs. Loren's mother said when her daughter left home she was wearing a diamond ring valued at \$1000. Two fingers of the right hand of Mrs. Loren had been amputated at the joints, Mrs. Ferguson said. Searches today were concentrating on finding the mutilated hand.

In tracing Mrs. Loren's movements subsequent to August 19, police learned Mrs. Loren registered at a San Francisco hotel Wednesday afternoon and checked out at 1 A. M. Friday. The hotel clerk told police a man who had the appearance and bearing of a physician visited the woman at the hotel. She left unaccompanied, the clerk said.

"Jerry," a setter belonging to a member of the Martinez police force, today was taken to the swamp in the hope that the dog might assist searchers in locating other portions of the dismembered body.

A man's leather belt with the partly obliterated letter "E" on the silver buckle and two sections of a black walrus traveling bag, one bearing the letter "B" in gold leaf, are the only discoveries thus far aside from those mentioned. Members of Mrs. Loren's family were unable to identify the pieces of traveling bag as the property of Mrs. Loren.

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Harrison and Under Sheriff W. M. Veal said they would spend today in Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco in an effort further to trace the movements of Mrs. Loren.

RICHMOND, Cal., Aug. 25.—Tallying of the description of a supposed murder victim reconstructed by Dr. E. O. Heinrich, Berkeley criminologist, from the examination of a few blonde hairs with the description of Mrs. Beside Loren, a missing trained nurse of Oakland, formed the basis of a police investigation today of a mystery 48 hours old.

Evidence of what authorities believe a gruesome murder consisted of a human ear, two or three portions of a woman's cheek and scalp and some blonde hairs, which had been found in marshes near this city. Searchers in the marshes had also found fragments of leather from a walrus hide traveling bag with a letter "B" in gold leaf and part of a belt buckle with the letter "E" in a monogram.

The minute fragments of a human body from which the supposed crime had been reconstructed were viewed by William Ferguson of Oakland, a brother of Mrs. Loren, who expressed his conviction that they indicated that his sister had been murdered.

Residents in the vicinity of the marshlands told authorities they had heard a woman's screams late Saturday night at about the time Heinrich's examination of the blood clots on the pieces of a human countenance he has examined indicates death took place.

Ferguson said his sister had been missing since some time late last week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Employees of the Antlers hotel said a woman believed to have been Mrs. Beside Loren registered there Monday afternoon, August 17, and checked out Wednesday evening, August 19, between 9 and 10 o'clock. They said they knew of only one man who called on her during the two days. He was unknown to them and remained in the room with her only a short time.

They said she registered as Mrs. J. Loring.

That the woman intended to return was indicated by the fact as noted by hotel attaches, that she left a cloth hat, a hat and pair of tan shoes in the room.

Employees of the hotel said they never had seen the woman before she came to the hotel and that they never saw her after she checked out Wednesday.

PRESIDENT STANDS PAT ON HANDS OFF POLICY IN STRIKE

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Further indications that the federal government will make no move to prevent suspension of anthracite operations next Tuesday were given today at the summer White House. President Coolidge has been assured that there will be sufficient fuel to meet all needs of the public even if the mines should close down, and it was indicated that the government would confine its activity to assisting in the provision of an adequate supply.

The president is receiving no new official information regarding the anthracite situation, although he is keeping tabs on developments with particular interest the recent conference of New England governors and is encouraged at the statement made by John Hays Hammond, former chairman of the coal commission, that there is no danger of a fuel shortage.

Ever since it became apparent that anthracite operators and miners would be unable to agree on a new wage scale, indications have been given that the administration would take no hand in the controversy. If suspension should develop, it is probable that Mr. Coolidge will keep in touch with the situation through Secretaries Hoover and Davis and other officials in close contact with the industry, but is not likely to call representatives of either the operators or miners here for a conference.

PRISON REPORT IS WITHHELD BY GOVERNOR PIERCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—Governor Pierce today received a report from the special committee investigating conditions at the state penitentiary and contributing causes of the recent jail break. The governor declined to comment on the contents of the report which was not made public.

Jefferson Myers, chairman of the committee, delivered the report to the governor. Adjutant General White, the other working member of the commission, left for the east this morning, indicating that the inquiry is completed, at least for the present.

Myers stated that the committee has learned some facts which they felt should be given to the governor at once. He declared the committee wanted to see the penitentiary turned into a "successful institution."

"There are only about fifteen successful prisons in the country," he said. "Why shouldn't we go ahead and make a sixteenth? We don't need a new prison. The prison's all right as a prison but it ought to turn out something other than derelicts. And it ought to be made self supporting."

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Stock prices surged upward again today despite a large volume of profit-taking and bear selling inspired by stiffer money and uneasiness of many investors over the rapid advances in some of the motors and specialties.

Low and medium priced rails, particularly those with merger or higher accumulation. Total sales approximately 1,500,000 shares.

Tremor felt in S. Dakota.

YANKTON, S. D., Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—A rumbling tremor felt here at 12:30 a. m. today convinced many persons that Yankton had experienced an earthquake.

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- 72x84 all wool Pendleton Blankets in blue, pink and tan plaids. August **\$14.95** sale price, each
- 66x80 fancy "Yellowstone" Park Blankets, all wool. August sale **\$12.45** price, each

Opening Sale of Winter Coats

50 new Winter Coats; made of the very latest materials; lined throughout, in sport and dressy styles, with plain and fur collars. Every Coat worth more. On sale all day Wednesday, **\$25.00** each

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- New "Conde" Coats **\$29.50 to \$125.00**

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Wednesday Specials

- Fall Gingham, 32 inches wide, new patterns, fine quality. Regular price 35c. Wednesday special, **27c** yard
- "Wearwell" Pillow Tubing, 45 inches wide. Regular price 42c. Wednesday special, yard **35c**
- Rag Rugs, 24x48 size; good quality. Regular price \$1.25. Wednesday special, each **\$1.00**
- SILK SALE**—500 yards of striped and figured Silks; all good colors; up to \$3.25 values. Wednesday **\$1.59** only, yard
- DRESS GOODS**—500 yards of plain and fancy woolen Dress Goods that sold up to \$1.98 yard. Sale **89c** price, yard
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- "Rayon" Silk Slips, all sizes and colors. Special, **\$3.98** each
- Women's fancy Sport Silk Hose in all shades; up to \$2.95 values. **\$1.19** Wednesday, pair
- "Humming Bird" Silk Hose, in all the new colors, \$1.50 values. **\$1.25** Wednesday, pair
- Handkerchiefs, women's white and colored handkerchiefs. Real 20c values. Wednesday, **15c** each
- Children's Purses, good styles; up to 69c values. On sale Wednesday, **19c** each
- Women's Silk Gloves with flare and turn back cuffs, \$2.29 values. **\$1.89** Sale price, pair

OPENING SALE OF NEW MILLINERY TOMORROW

- "Pierette" Hats; sold exclusively by this store, large and small sizes, gold and silver trimmed, also hand embroidered ornaments. Good as any \$8.00 hat. Wednesday **\$5.00** special, each
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Special Sale of Materials for Comforters

- 36-inch Cotton Challie, best quality for Comforters, good patterns. Regular price 25c. August **19c** sale price, yard
- 1 case Cotton Batts, best quality, one pound size. Regular price 79c. **50c** August sale price, each

Final Clean-Up of Summer Wash Dresses

- \$3 Values \$1.95** 50 Dresses, made of fine Gingham and Stiffel Prints, \$3.00 values. Now, **\$1.95** each
- \$6 Values \$2.45** New Linen, Cretonne Gingham and Sillette Dresses, \$6.00 values. Wednesday, **\$2.45** each
- \$25 Values \$11.45** 50 Dresses, made of Tub Silk, Wash Silks and wools. Up to \$25 values. **\$11.45** Wed., ea.

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