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REPRESENTATIVE FOUTS FIGHTS MALARKEY BILL

POLITICS AND NOT THE POSTAL DEFICIT CAUSES THE ATTACK ON MAGAZINES

HITCHCOCK ATTEMPTS TO PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS FOR AIDING PROGRESSIVES

Blythe Summing It Up Says: "The Vital Thing Is That the Administration, Exerting Its Taxing Power, Is Endeavoring to Abolish the Free Press, Not Only in the Case of Its Own Political Ambition, But in the Interest of and for the Protection of the Financial Powers It Seeks to Serve."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 14.—That not economy, but political considerations, is the underlying cause for the Taft administration's determination to increase second class postage is the statement here today of Samuel G. Blythe, a well known Washington correspondent. Blythe maintains that the whole movement is designed to wipe out certain of those popular magazines which have dared to criticize the acts of the Taft administration. He says:

(By Samuel G. Blythe.) Politics, and not the postal deficit, is the underlying motive for the administration's attack on the magazines and the periodical press through increase of second class postage. Postmaster-general Hitchcock's excuse for the move, is the alleged postal deficit; President Taft's excuse is that he is supporting his cabinet, who is trying to put the department

on a self sustaining basis; the administration senators who tacked the amendment on the postoffice bill have the excuse that the president demands the increase.

They are making these excuses, too, now that they are discovering how thoroughly the people are aroused on this matter of using the taxing power of the government to confiscate. That's what it amounts to for the free press that dared to criticize and condemn certain acts both of the administration and of the administration's supporters in congress.

Laying aside the tremendous economic fact that the imposition of this tax means ruin to the magazine and periodical business of the country and the absolute extinction of popular magazines, look at the principle of it. Three facts are certain. First, that the tax is part of a carefully matured plan of the administration in conjunction with those interests,

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OKLAHOMA HAS COUNTY SEAT FIGHT

TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE IN JAIL, AND IT IS GUARDED TO PREVENT FRIENDS RELEASING OR THE OTHER SIDE MORNING THEM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 14.—Hot spirit is rampant in Salancon county today as a result of the fight over the removal of the county seat from Mountain Park to Snyder. County Commissioners Bull and Thompson and County Clerk Bristow are prisoners in the Mountain Park jail, charged with illegally removing the county records to Snyder. Additional guards were stationed around the Mountain Park jail today, as it was feared that an attempt will be made by Snyder residents tonight to release the prisoners. Governor Cruse has wired the sheriff of Salancon county to keep order at any cost.

PRESIDENT HONORS A DIRTY SCRUB

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 14.—President Taft today has the acceptance of John Hays Hammond, whom he appointed special ambassador to the coronation of King George of England. The last special ambassador to Great Britain was Theodore Roosevelt, who attended the funeral of King Edward VII.

None Has the Measles. Nome, Feb. 14.—St. Valentine's day is not as joyful as it might be in this camp. An epidemic of measles has broken out in Eskimo settlements, and has now reached the white children of Nome. All the physicians in town are devoting their energies today to checking the epidemic.

DRUGGIST LICENSE REDUCED

MAY SELL SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS BY TAKING OUT LICENSE COSTING THEM \$100—PAYING AND SIDEWALKS THE OTHER BUSINESS OF COUNCIL MEETING.

With the view of relieving the drug stores from the hardship of having to pay a license of \$200 a year to sell intoxicating liquors, an ordinance was introduced last evening in the city council to reduce the license to \$100 a year. After its second reading the rules were suspended and it was read the third time and enacted into a law.

Councilman Durbin who is the author of the ordinance, stated that under the old ordinance but one drug store—that of Dr. Stone, had taken out a license because they felt that the amount was too large. They sold liquor, however, it seems, but when Chief of Police Hamilton recently notified the proprietors of all drug stores that to do so they must secure a license or suffer the penalty of the law, they ceased. This condition of affairs was found to work a hardship upon many customers—as for instance, people living in the rural districts desiring liquor for medicinal purposes were required to procure a doctor's certificate to procure it and the price of it as a rule would be double that paid for the liquor. With the view of eliminating this condition proprietors of most of the drug stores had a conference with the ordinance committee and agreed that if the license was reduced to \$100 that they would take out licenses.

Other Ordinances Passed. An ordinance regulating the weight of loads to be carried by different kinds of vehicles upon the paved streets of the city was passed and so

Students Struck.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—The faculty of the law school of the State University today stated that 150 students, who went on strike yesterday, will be summarily dealt with.

Iron Moulders Strike.

Bakersfield, Cal., Feb. 14.—Two hundred iron moulders, blacksmiths and machinists, employed at the Bakersfield iron works struck today for an 8-hour day. The demands of the men were refused by their employers last night on the ground that Bakersfield is in direct competition with Los Angeles where a nine and ten-hour day is maintained. The civic body is endeavoring to effect and adjustment.

To Build Walks.

Resolutions were passed directing the construction of plank sidewalks on the north side of Chemeketa in front of block one in Willamette addition; a plank walk on the same street in front of the property of the heirs of Fred Hurst; and a walk on the same street in front of block 17 in Willamette addition.

A remonstrance was filed by property owners against the improvement of Ferry street. It is based on the fact that the Portland, Eugene & Eastern has a franchise on this street and they desire the track laid before the improvement of the street is gone forward with.

A petition asking for the improvement of Summer street with asphalt was referred to the street committee, and the same action was taken with regard to petitions for the improvement of Commercial with bitulithite and Center with concrete.

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CEMETERY IS INVADDED BY FIERCE WAVES

MORE THAN 200 YARDS OF SEAWALL PROTECTING THE CEMETERY AT ROSS BAY NEAR VICTORIA, WASHED AWAY BY LATE STORM.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 14.—Over 200 yards of sea wall which protected the cemeteries at Ross Bay have been washed away, a number of graves have been torn open, leaving the caskets exposed and several coffins are lost at sea as a result of the gale which swept the coast until early today.

With the wind blowing at 40 and 50 miles an hour, huge waves battered their way through the seawall late yesterday and then ate away the banks. In the old Chinese portion of the cemetery 17 graves were exposed and 12 coffins, from which the bodies had been removed, were swept to sea.

A number of caskets were disinterred by the cemetery caretakers and removed to a place of safety before the earth crumbled.

ROYAL KIDS HAVE JUST COMMON MEASLES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Feb. 14.—The condition of the Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince Albert, who are suffering with the German measles at Dartmouth was unchanged today. It was officially stated that neither of the royal patients was in danger.

Girls Must Not Powder.

Kansas City Mo., Feb. 14.—By an order that went into effect today, girls between the ages of 14 and 16, employed in Kansas city's largest department store are forbidden to paint or powder their faces or appear at the store with their hair done up in "puffs."

C. C. Peters, general manager of the store, said the order was made imperative by the tendency of a large number of the younger girls to overdress.

THE DADDY OF ALL THE COMBINES

Lumber Trust Now Being Organized Would Make Standard Oil Look Like a Hand-out From the County Poor House.

OWNS 238,000,000,000 FEET

At \$10 a Thousand This Would Mean Nearly Twenty-Four Billion Dollars—Cut Into Lumber and Loaded on Cars It Would Make a Train Nearly 100,000 Miles Long, and Would Girdle the Earth at the Equator Four Times.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 14.—Producing some startling statistics, Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith today sent a special report to congress asserting that a lumber trust is now being organized which will make the Standard Oil monopoly look like a pigmy.

Smith declares that four-fifths of the country's standing timber is privately owned. Three of these holdings, he said—those of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific—comprise 238,000,000,000 feet or 11 per cent of all the privately owned timber in the United States.

These holdings have enough standing timber to build an ordinary five or six-room frame house for each of 16,000,000 families. If it were sawed and placed on cars, it would make a train 100,000 miles long.

The largest holders of timber in this country are not cutting it. Thus they are reserving to themselves incalculable profits which will accrue with the country's growth, and the consequent diminishing of the public supply or any further conservation or control thereof.

Can Control Market and Prices. "Many protests are being received against such a concentration of control of the standing timber of the

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SIX DROWNED WHEN LAUNCH TURNED OVER

GASOLINE SCHOONER OSHKOSH TURNED TURTLE OFF COLUMBIA RIVER BAR IN STORM YESTERDAY—ENGINEER MAY ALONE ESCAPED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Astoria, Ore., Feb. 14.—Members of the Point Adams life saving crew patrolled the beach today searching for

MULTNOMAH LEADER IN THE HOUSE WOULD RELIEVE STATE'S TAXPAYERS

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He will seek to embody section 79 of his own public utilities bill in the Malarkey bill. It provides three per cent gross earnings tax on all corporations that come under its operation. That would leave the Malarkey bill only to deal with such corporations and municipalities as would prefer to operate under its own provisions, and would relieve communities that wanted to handle their own public utility corporations free to do so, and free from taxes to support the administration of other cities, and the state at large. The Fouts amendments would relieve the taxpayer from all taxes for the support of the commission, and cuts out the appropriation of \$35,000 carried in the Malarkey bill.

Another amendment provides that nothing in this amendment shall affect or impair the right of any city to provide for its public service commission.

Third Reading House Bills.

H. B. 184, Pierce, to regulate fishing on the Rogue river. Passed. H. B. 378, Mann, reducing rates of freight and express for shipping pure bred stock in Oregon. As they now haul a great deal of this. H. B. 32, McKinney, to regulate use of motorcars in Oregon. Passed. H. B. 372, Marion, Clackamas and Yamhill delegation, to protect female deer. Passed. H. B. 335, Clyde, that combinations of laborers or labor organizations shall not be deemed criminal. Lost.

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WANTS GROSS-EARNINGS TAX FROM THE CORPORATIONS AFFECTED BY SENATE BILL

The Amendments Proposed by Fouts Would Relieve the Taxpayer From Putting Up to Support the Commission, and Cut Out \$35,000 Appropriation—It Also Permits Communities That Want to Handle Their Own Public Utility Corporations Free to Do So, Without Putting Up for Others.

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UNCO GOOD AND OVERLY RIGHTEOUS

ANOTHER LOT OF FADDISTS WHO ARE "THINGS OF FLESH AND BLOOD TOO GOOD, FOR HUMAN NATURE'S DAILY FOOD."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Trenton, N. J., Feb. 14.—Because the word "hello" sounds too much like the name of the hot place, members of the Second Reformed church, of White Horse, at the solicitation of their pastor, Rev. Harry M. Hitchcock, today began a crusade against its use by the telephone companies.

"Children soon learn that by putting the last letter of 'hello' first, there is an altogether different meaning given," he said today, "and I have often heard youngsters make this reversal. Why should we have a word that should spell such a horrible place?"

TRAIN BARELY ESCAPED GOING INTO COLUMBIA

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 14.—Two mail clerks and a brakeman are injured as a result of the derailment of the east bound Great Northern passenger train No. 4 last night. 12 miles east of Wenatchee when the whole train of nine cars left the track, part of the train careening down an embankment for 50 feet and stopping on the edge of the Columbia river.

VACCINATION ORDER A HOBO EXTERMINATOR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 14.—Strange monikers and cabalistic signs appearing on water tanks and sign posts in the vicinity of Kansas City recently as the result of an order to vaccinate all "hoboes" have made Kansas City strangely free from the weary Willie pest.

Chief of Police Griffin had no idea he was inventing a hobo exterminator when he issued the order, but he got the effect. Police records show that 40 per cent of the usual visitation of tramps for January passed up Kansas City without even hesitating.

ROBBER HELD UP RESTAURANT, FRIEND AND THREE OTHERS HELD HIM UP—HE DRUGGED THEM, GOT THE SWAG AWAY, GAVE IT TO A LADY FRIEND, AS SHE SKIPPED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Feb. 14.—Police investigation today of the recent holdup of Hector's restaurant revealed the fact that a woman, who is now believed to be in San Francisco, escaped with most of the loot. She double-crossed the man who double-crossed his pals, by drugging them after they had held up Charles Willard, robber No. 1, and relieved him of the \$2300.

Before robbing the restaurant Willard confided his plans to Loftus. As Willard was coming from the cafe he was confronted by four men, headed by Loftus, and forced to give up the coin. Then Loftus drugged his three companions and took the cash.

The police say today that Loftus gave the money to a woman to keep for him, and that she slipped away and fled to California.

WRITES A PLAY ON SUBJECT OF "SPREADHENISM"

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 14.—Woman is not fit to vote in the opinion of Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, founder of Barnard college. Mrs. Meyer is engaged in writing a play, in which she pillories women. Discussing her views, she said today:

"Spreadhenism" is one of the most dangerous modern manifestations. 'Spreadhenism,' she explained, is the feminine of spread-eagles. I coined the word myself, and I think it is rather good. One sees it on all sides among the women of today, that clucking content. What have women done that they consider themselves better than men? How have they used their opportunities?

"In my play I have shown that men are not so bad as the modern women paint them—nor women so good. If women would stop to think they would, in reality, marvel that men are as good as they are with the temptations they have. The woman tempts the man quite as often as the man tempts the woman. As a matter of fact, women—the women who have to go out into the world, have encountered temptation, just as men have, but they have not resisted so well."