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URGE A CALL FOR EXTRA SESSION

Representative Men Ask Governor to Act Promptly

Promises to Decide Soon Summoning Legislature

Gillett Tells of the Measures He May Present

Tax Payments and the Charter Amendments First

Governor Gillett spent yesterday in a series of conferences in San Francisco with state and city officials, bankers and real estate men on the advisability of calling an extra session of the legislature. Although the local officials and business men urged with great force that a special session be ordered before the end of the month, the governor announced late last night that he had not made up his mind. He said that he had given careful heed to all the arguments urged and would reach a decision early next week. It was stated by members of the board of supervisors who conferred with Gillett that they believed the state executive would decide in favor of the extra session.

Governor Gillett went to the extent of promising that if he should call the legislators together he would place before them three important matters, and possibly four. These are, first, the proposal to postpone the date on which taxes shall become delinquent; second, the ratification of the charter amendments adopted at the election last Tuesday in San Francisco, and, third, the repassage in correct form of the \$2,000,000 bond issue for the improvement of the water front at Islais creek. The fourth matter relates to the election of Andrew M. Wilson, the confessed bootler, from the state railroad commission.

EXTRA SESSION IS URGED

The bankers urged the extra session as a means of solving the tax problem; the city officials urged the session that the amendments might be ratified, which provide for the deposit of municipal funds in the banks and the issuance of 5 per cent bonds for needed rehabilitation, and a committee of businessmen spoke in favor of the session in order that the Islais creek project might be carried through. Some of the bankers and local officials went so far as to say that a special session was indispensable.

Governor Gillett attended three separate conferences during the day. He met Mayor Taylor, members of the board of supervisors, members of the state and local boards of health and Dr. Rupert Blue, the federal expert, at the mayor's office at noon to consider the question of sanitation. It was decided in this matter to seek federal aid in meeting the expense of fighting disease.

The second conference followed the first immediately at the mayor's office. Besides the mayor and governor those in attendance included Lieutenant Governor Warren Porter, State Treasurer W. R. Williams, State Controller A. B. Nye, Supervisors Brandenstein, Fayot, Sullivan, Brenner, Sachs and Rixford, Treasurer Bantel, a committee of bankers composed of I. W. Hillman Jr., W. E. Palmer, R. M. Tobin, Frank M. Anderson, Homer S. King and George M. Tourney, Bank Commissioner Lynch, State Senator Welch and Secretary Behan of the board of supervisors. At this conference the difficulties presented by the financial stringency were exhaustively considered. It was nearly 2 o'clock before the conference adjourned.

TAXES FIRST CONSIDERED

The first matter considered related to the taxes. It was pointed out to the governor that taxes will become delinquent on November 25 and that after that date a 15 per cent penalty would be imposed. The governor asked if the clearing house certificates could not be accepted by the city treasurer. Both City Treasurer Bantel and State Treasurer Williams expressed their willingness to accept these certificates if it could be arranged with their bondsmen. The bankers objected to this plan, however, asserting that it

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High Official of Treasury Discusses Complaint From This City

MUST OBSERVE LAW

Cannot Cash Bonds at Sub-treasury on Demand, He Declares

SITUATION IMPROVES

West More Excited Than the East Over Financial Affairs

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Complaint has come from San Francisco against the apparent discrimination in favor of New York in depositing government money. With plenty of government bonds in their possession and with the subtreasury full of coin, San Francisco bankers are inclined to regard the treasury's action, or lack of action, as a discrimination against them. This was discussed today by a high official of the treasury.

"New York is the storm center," he said. "We deposited all the available money first in New York and then, as we got more funds, we eased up the situation in other cities. We have sent money to most of the financial centers, including San Francisco. Now we have no more money to deposit in the national banks. It makes no difference how many government bonds a bank may have, if its circulation is already up to the limit and if we have no money to deposit, we cannot cash bonds at the subtreasury on presentation. They must be redeemed according to law.

"In one case in San Francisco we were able to have the subtreasury take a lot of bonds in trust and pay over their value to the bank owning them, the purchaser of the bonds being a New York bank which gave us an indemnity bond to secure us for the cash. But this was equating at a violation of the law and was done only because the bank in question was entitled to deposit bonds for circulation that had not been issued. It could not be done otherwise. It would not be done again under the same circumstances, unless in case of emergency.

"We have received complaint from our disbursing officers that some western banks have refused to honor checks drawn upon government deposits in those banks. The excuse given is that the banks' reserves are in New York and that the New York banks refuse to honor drafts upon them. This excuse will not be good after today. In my opinion, for the reason that the New York banks will be advised by the treasury department to honor the call of western banks for their reserves. We do not expect any bank, east or west, to refuse to honor the checks of our disbursing officers on government deposits."

This official remarked that the general financial situation was greatly improved. The west, he said, was more excited than the east. The crisis was over, in his opinion, and the west will become easy as soon as the New York banks release their reserves.

"I suggest that western banks keep cool and silent," he continued. "The bankers have talked too much as a rule. The public is not excited and will not withdraw any more money if the bankers keep a stiff upper lip."

DISCOVER COUNTERFEIT OF LOCAL GREENBACK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Chief Wilkie of the secret service reports the discovery of a new counterfeit \$10 national bank note. The counterfeit is of the Wells-Fargo-Nevada bank of San Francisco and is a poor photographic reproduction, printed on heavy bond paper, with no silk fiber. The treasury numbers have been traced over with red ink. The back of the note is better than the front, being a fair imitation of the genuine, except the coloring around the charter number, which is muddy green.

McKINLAY TALKS CANAL

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
SANTA ROSA, Nov. 8.—In an address delivered to the high school pupils of Santa Rosa tonight Congressman Duncan E. McKinlay declared that the Panama canal would be completed and in operation within six years. He said that when completed, according to an interview he had had with Secretary Taft, the canal will have cost the government \$240,000,000, more than half of which sum had already been appropriated.

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New York Bankers May Be Prosecuted

Accused of Having Employed Dummies to Obtain Loans Above the Limit

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NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Clearing house bankers expect that criminal proceedings will be brought against two men who were officials of national banks which were under fire in the recent weeding out process. It was positively asserted in Wall street that flagrant violations of the national banking act had been discovered by the national banking department, following investigations by clearing house committees. The names of the men involved as well as the institutions with which they were connected were freely mentioned in Wall street today.

United States District Attorney Stimson admitted that his office was investigating the conduct of certain persons connected with the two banks. It was also learned that the head of the bank examiners in New York, Mr. Hanna, accompanied by an expert from the comptroller's office in Washington, had visited the two institutions in the last 10 days and were preparing a memorandum for the district attorney's office.

The principal charge against the two men is that of obtaining loans from their institutions much in excess of the limit prescribed by the banking act. It was found that through dummies or agents these officers obtained the loans which, when the disclosure came three weeks ago, were clearly traceable to the officers of the banks.

SPENCER G. EDDY NAMED MINISTER TO ARGENTINE

David Jayne Hill Succeeds Charlemagne Tower and Arthur H. Beaupre Takes Former's Place
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Secretary Root announced that David Jayne Hill, American minister to the Netherlands and a former assistant secretary of state, would be named as ambassador to Berlin to succeed Tower, who is about to retire on account of ill health. President Roosevelt first offered the position to First Secretary Bacon, who declined.

Minister Arthur H. Beaupre will be transferred from the Argentine republic to the Netherlands to succeed Hill and Spencer G. Eddy, secretary of the embassy at Berlin, will become minister to Argentina.

Pacific Mail's Line to Orient May End

Manager Schwerin Advises the Honolulu Merchants That Little Profit Is Made

Special Correspondence of The Call

HONOLULU, Nov. 2.—R. P. Schwerin, general manager of the Pacific Mail steamship company, in a letter to the Honolulu chamber of commerce hints strongly at the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail liners on the oriental run. The chamber had asked him for a definite statement of the intentions of his company as to providing Hawaii with a better passenger service, suitable for tourists. To this he held out no hopes whatever, hinting at a possible suspension of the service from San Francisco altogether. A part of his letter, which is dated at San Francisco, October 16, says:

"There is not a steamer that crosses the Atlantic today that could be maintained were it not for the enormous steerage business, coupled with the government subsidy. Deprive these vessels of the steerage business and they would cease to operate. The only thing that has kept the San Francisco line has been the Asiatic business. If this business were killed off it would be impossible to operate these large steamers on the run, for even with a full cabin list and full freight they would not earn operating expenses, let alone the expense of operating the agencies."

Guggenheims to Build Alaskan Railroad

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
SEATTLE, Nov. 8.—Rastus C. Hawkins, chief engineer for the Guggenheims in Alaska, today returned from New York and confirmed the report that the Guggenheims have entered into a contract with M. J. Heney, the man who built the White Pass and Yukon railway, to build the Copper River and Northwestern railway from Cordova to the copper regions on Copper river. The estimated cost of the road is \$25,000,000. The first 30 miles is to be ready for operation by January 1 next year. Heney will sail for Cordova tomorrow with a shipload of men and supplies and Hawkins will follow next week. The contract was signed in New York two weeks ago. It is the biggest contract ever signed in Alaska.

Society Women Regret Ford Jury Episode

Mrs. Thomas Eastland Says That Remarks at Fairmont Were Devoid of Intent

"If we ever said anything that the Ford jurymen overheard at the Fairmont hotel we are sorry; we didn't mean anything in what we said; besides I do not admit having said anything, and furthermore I am advised not to discuss the episode." That is about the gist of Mrs. Thomas Eastland's statement concerning the conversation in which she and Mrs. Frederick Kohl, with a party of friends, are alleged to have indulged at the Fairmont hotel about a week ago in the dining room near the table around which the Ford jurymen were eating.

"I think it is a shame to place such a

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CUTTEN SAYS COUNT IS FALSE

Friends Consider Application of Probe

Hope to Punish Dishonest Officials of the Election

Political Pot Again Is Beginning to Boil

Various Organizations Prepare for Fresh Fields

By George A. Van Smith

Persistent reports of alleged crooked counting of the vote for county clerk and treasurer may result in a demand for an investigation of the ballots cast in the thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth and parts of the thirty-seventh and forty-fifth districts.

The investigation if made will not be instituted with the idea that either McCabe or Cutten will be returned over Mulcrevy and McDougald, elected on the face of the returns, but solely for the purpose of fastening the alleged crooked work upon its perpetrators and sending them across the bay, where they may shine as deterrent examples to other election officers of crooked tendencies.

A demand for a recount was contemplated when the first reports of crooked counting were received. The proportions of the pluralities polled by Mulcrevy and McDougald over McCabe and Cutten respectively convinced the friends of the good government candidates that a recount would not change the ultimate result and the idea of a recount was abandoned. The reports of bad counting were so persistent, though, on Thursday and Friday, that the friends of the good government movement have taken under consideration the advisability of asking for an investigation of the ballots cast in the precincts under suspicion.

E. L. Cutten, defeated good government and democratic candidate for treasurer, said yesterday:

"A recount would not, in my judgment, result in showing my election over McDougald. Mulcrevy's margin over McCabe is, however, much narrower and if the crooked work approaches anything like the proportions which I am inclined to believe it did from the reports I have received, the succession to the county clerk's office might be changed. But the question of who is elected is really secondary. If there was any crooked counting, and I believe there was, it should be uncovered and the guilty man punished. The ballot box should be pro-

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- \$1 prize to J. H. Talbot, 705 J street, Sacramento.
- Hearst building. It is not up-to-date.
- \$1 prize to Herman M. Levy, 1230 Ellis street, city.
- The Chronicle—because it is a chronic ill.
- \$1 prize to F. B. Wall, 1209 Merchants' exchange building, city.
- The Examiner, because it is all stories without foundation.
- \$1 prize to Nicholas Lawlor, 124 Clippert street, city.
- If there is anything that will skin the Chronicle building in any way, show me.
- \$1 prize to H. M. Levison, 1225 Eddy street, city.
- The 23 story building at Third and Market, because the twenty-third story is on the ground floor.