

# Obstructionists in Assembly May Prevent a Supplementary Session

that the banking interests and the public preferred an arbitrary postponement of 60 days for the collection of taxes rather than the delegation of discretionary power to the governor and a possible maximum postponement of 90 days. The senate made this interesting discovery nearly 24 hours before it was uncovered at Johnson's round table.

**SENATE ACTS PROMPTLY**  
When the Senate found out what would be satisfactory and at the same time how to get around the mooted question of unconstitutionality it reduced its information to bill form, and that bill will be before the assembly tomorrow.

Johnson's belated information has not been reduced to the shape of a substitute for the governor's bill, and Johnson refused to permit his committee to work tonight, when a substitute could have been framed.

Many members of the assembly assert indignantly that Johnson's delay and the chairman of the house judiciary committee was not consulted in the preparation of the bills sufficiently and it is believed that he presents the idea of having bills prepared by the executive and passed on to the legislature for its action.

The average legislator is not concerned about who prepares the bills, and especially in this time since it has developed that the governor's bill will be replaced by substitutes prepared by the legislature committees. The great majority of the members of both houses, in common with the governor, are anxious to finish the work and adjourn. Whether they are actuated by a desire to keep down the expenses of the session or the less ethical desire to promote their own convenience is beside the question. The legislators are convinced that all they can do under the call can be done quickly and they want to get away.

**ROASTS FOR JOHNSON**  
Johnson is being roasted vigorously tonight and some of the legislators threaten to leave tomorrow, regardless of the condition of the legislation they were called to enact.

The bankers have made it clear that they prefer a flat postponement of 60 days of the date for the collection of taxes and that the best interests of the state, in their opinion, will be served by leaving the matter of holidays in the hands of the governor. The lawyers are disagreed about the methods that will best enable the courts to work and at the same time protect the banks. Some of them wish to leave the protection of the commercial institutions to the discretion of the judges of the courts. Others prefer to throw the courts open for the transaction of all business except for actions for the payment of money, which would involve judgments and attachments against the banks.

Gillett is not wedded to the bills proposed by him. On the contrary he has told the legislature that he thought the arbitrary postponement of the date for the collection of taxes preferable to the method proposed by him and that he was ready and anxious to sign any good measure enacted by the legislature.

Gillett's promise to call a supplemental extra session for the adoption of the San Francisco charter amendments was conditioned upon the legislature's agreeing to assume the deficit that the second session would not extend over Saturday night. It may be possible yet to give him that assurance, but the conditions in the assembly leave the hopes of the San Francisco contingent hanging by a mighty slender thread.

## Governor to Veto Request for Another Special Session

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL**  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—When informed tonight that the judiciary committee would request him to call an extra session, Governor Gillett replied with some acidity:

"I am getting very weary of the extra session proposition. I am receiving telegrams by the dozen asking me to call extra sessions on every imaginable subject. Now, I don't propose calling any more extra sessions. There is ample power under the original call to enact the necessary law bearing on holidays, and it will be useless for them to ask me to call another session."

"Would you call a supplemental session to take up the San Francisco charter amendments, and would you include in the summons an amended call bearing on the holidays?" was asked.

"As I said before, the call as it stands gives the legislature all necessary power. Legal holidays do not affect ministerial acts and the courts have often decided that point."

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## BANKERS, LAWYERS AND LEGISLATORS CONFER

**Discuss Holiday and Tax Bills Drawn by Governor Gillett**

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL**  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—That a legislative postponement of 60 days for the collection of taxes and the imposition of penalties for delinquency would meet the exigencies of the financial situation and be preferable to the vesting of discretionary power of postponement in the governor was emphatically brought out this afternoon at a hearing before the assembly judiciary committee. The country banks, the San Francisco bar association and other prominent authorities participated, also developed a strong majority opinion that the question of work by the courts during the special holidays could be met without violation of any constitutional provisions.

The San Francisco banking institutions were represented by F. B. Anderson of the Bank of California, R. N. Tobin, president of the Savings Bank association; C. K. McIntosh of the San Francisco national bank and Attorney E. S. Heller. T. E. Newlin appeared on behalf of the Los Angeles clearing house. The county banks were represented by W. E. Gerber and Alden Anderson of Sacramento and Judge C. C. Bush of Redding. Governor Gillett and Bank Commissioner John C. Lynch spoke for the state.

Judge W. B. Cope and A. E. Bolton presented the San Francisco bar association's idea of the legislative action required to meet the holiday situation, and District Attorney E. J. Brown of Alameda county insisted that under the constitution the courts must remain closed.

The representatives of the banks were unanimously of the opinion that a 60 days postponement of the tax collection would be ample, and that at least 60 days were necessary. They also agreed that the matter of further holidays should be left in the hands of the governor, of whose discretion and grasp of the situation they expressed the liveliest appreciation.

E. S. Heller, representing the San Francisco banks, argued that the plan to withhold the courts during the special holidays would be preferable to defining what matters the courts might consider.

The representatives of the San Francisco bar association offered a substitute for the governor's holiday bill. Their substitute authorized the courts in their discretion to transact any business on special holidays that they might transact on any other day. They argued that the judges of the superior courts were high class men and that they could be trusted not to entertain any suits that would embarrass the financial institutions.

Governor Gillett endorsed the 60 day substitute bill prepared by the senate, which probably will be passed by that body today. He said that he had believed when he prepared the discretionary bill that the governors of California would not be so hasty to believe that a law that would expire by its own limitations would be preferable.

He urged that the committee legislate for the best interests of all the people rather than attempt to ride any man's hobby. He said he was convinced that a postponement of 60 days for the collection of taxes would be ample.

The bankers recited the causes that led up to the adoption of the clearing house certificate plan and every one of them assured the legislators that none of the California banks had any speculative money loaned in the east. They insisted that all the coast banks were perfectly solvent, but that they had feared the moving of their crops and the eastern banks refused to deposit their balances in the subtreasury for shipments of the west.

The hoarding of coin by citizens generally was given as another cause for the shortage in California, and the San Francisco bankers estimated the amount hoarded in the metropolis at about \$5,000,000, basing their estimates on the amount of clearing house certificates they had been compelled to issue to make up for the shortage of the circulating medium. They argued against declaring the holidays off for the present, not because the banks were in bad shape but because they feared that cranks and frightened depositors would only increase the shortage of the circulating medium by further withdrawals of coin.

They expressed no fears of runs on the banks. The savings banks were particularly interested in the postponement of the tax collection, since on them will fall the burden of raising about \$500,000 for the first installment.

During the first week in January many of the banks will be closed for the purpose of the present condition of affairs in the financial world upon President Roosevelt.

"If the president had made less noise and acted in a more dignified way in turning on the lights, as the term is, this state of affairs might perhaps have been averted," said he.

In answer to a question by Chairman Grove L. Johnson, F. B. Anderson of the Bank of California of San Francisco said that it was impossible to say when the holidays might be called off. He declared that it would be unsafe to end them even if the payment of taxes was extended 60 days.

"I think we will get things on a normal basis by Christmas if people will get over this senseless scare," he said. "This is not a bankers' panic; it is a public panic. What we are experiencing on the coast is the culmination of the Wall street frenzy."

Mr. Bolton of the San Francisco bar association differed with him and thought there would be few demands for money if the banks were opened.

"The remedy for the situation," said R. N. Tobin of the Hibernal bank of San Francisco, "is for the people to leave their money in the solvent banks."

## MUST SETTLE TAXES

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—State Controller Nye announces that county treasurers must settle with him at the usual time to the extent of the tax collections made to that date. Subsequently, when the holiday extensions shall have elapsed, a secondary and final settlement of the first installment of taxes will be in order.

## CHARTER AMENDMENTS RATIFIED BY THE SENATE

**Concurrent Resolution Sent to Assembly for Its Approval**

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL**  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—Senate concurrent resolution No. 1, carrying with it the four charter amendments included in the call for the extra session, was adopted by the senate this morning and ordered transmitted to the assembly for the approval of that body.

Of these amendments, one authorizes and empowers the treasurer of San Francisco to deposit municipal funds in public banks on the receipt of good and sufficient securities, while another increases the rate of interest on municipal bonds to be issued to 5 per cent per annum. The increased rate of interest will, it is believed, cause a demand for the bonds.

The remaining two amendments relate to the police and fire departments and increase the salaries of the employees. In addition the fire department amendment allows the men one day off each week and a vacation of 15 days each year. The men will not enjoy the benefits until after the beginning of the next fiscal year, July, 1908.

At the request of Assemblyman Coghlan the joint resolution was referred to the San Francisco delegation immediately upon its receipt from the senate. The delegation met this afternoon and unanimously agreed to report the measure out tomorrow morning. The adoption of the resolution, backed by the endorsement of the San Francisco delegation, probably will not give rise to any oratory and the resolution should be adopted before the noon recess is taken.

## Water Front Committee Will Call on Governor Gillett

**Strongly Oppose Isais Creek Bill in Present Form**

Local commercial bodies did some rapid politics yesterday, concentrating their efforts on a movement to defeat the Isais creek bill in its present form. Falling to induce the governor and members of the legislature to change the measure so that the cost should come out of the entire state fund instead of from the harbor revenue, they have come out in open opposition to the bill.

"Rather kill it altogether than pass it in its present form," is their slogan. The Merchant's association, the chamber of commerce, the merchants' exchange, the water front committee and the Ship Owners' association sent telegrams yesterday to Governor Gillett and the leaders in both houses asking that the measure be killed. A delegation of businessmen will go to the capital to make a personal plea with the governor to veto the measure unless the cost is placed on the entire state.

The water front committee called a special meeting yesterday to consider the subject. Attorney Allen G. Wright, who had been sent to Sacramento by the committee, reported that the governor and the members of the legislature favored the bill in its original form and stood against any change that would throw the cost on the state at large. After considering the subject at some length the committee voted to oppose the bill outright unless it were changed. At the conclusion of the meeting the following telegram was sent to Governor Gillett:

A committee representing the various commercial organizations of San Francisco will call on you at 1:30 p. m. Saturday next in reference to Isais creek bill. Request that you withhold your approval until the water front committee has been heard. Water front committee.

Swayne and Friedlander will head the delegation. They will be accompanied by James Tyson, Captain William Matson, James McNab and others interested in the legislation. The committee takes the stand that the cost would be too great for the harbor fund to bear.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of submerged lands at Iron tree cove, and that a basin may be subsequently constructed. The total cost of the improvements at Isais creek is estimated at \$6,000,000.

## Controller and Senators Lock Horns on Mileage Question

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL**  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—The state controller and the senate's special committee on mileage locked horns today on the amount of mileage to be paid Senators Lynch and Belshaw and Lieutenant Governor Warren Porter.

The senate committee allowed these officers' mileage from their homes to the state capital, to which the controller objected, claiming that the mileage should be allowed only from the county seat of the counties in which they live.

The committee ignored the stand taken by the controller and reported in favor of the senators and the lieutenant governor receiving mileage from their places of residence.

When the report came up for consideration by the senate decided opposition was shown to the controller's course. Senator Willis argued that in many cases an injustice would be done senators if the controller's position was endorsed. Speaking for himself, he said that if he lived in one corner of his county, San Bernardino, he would be 215 miles away from the state capital and was not entitled to mileage for that distance if the controller's contentions were correct.

Lynch and Belshaw declared that it was a matter of indifference to them whether or not they were allowed any mileage. Porter was absent.

Although the amounts in dispute are small the senate did not believe in departing from the old course, and passed a resolution directing the controller to allow and the treasurer to pay the same mileage as was allowed the three officials at the present season.

The assembly did not indulge itself in any debate on the tender subject.

## ISLAIS CREEK BILL PASSES

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—The Isais creek measure in its original form passed the senate today and was immediately transmitted to the assembly for approval. The bill will pass the house tomorrow and within the next few days become a law when it receives the signature of the governor.

## REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE

The republican county committee met last night at 1869 Fillmore street and elected F. H. Dam as chairman and Charles H. Forbes as secretary.

## SENATORS FIND ERROR IN GOVERNOR'S CALL

**Assert That Banks Can Not Be Protected From Ministerial Acts**

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL**  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 20.—That the banks of California can not be protected from attachment or other ministerial acts, because the governor's call was faulty insofar that his other session of the legislature will be necessary if such relief is to be afforded was the interesting announcement made by the senate subcommittee on judiciary tonight.

That the senate lawyers have at least one more guess coming; that the call was not defective and that he will not call another extra session was the expressed opinion of Governor James N. Gillett.

The alleged defect in the call and the helplessness of the legislature to protect the banks was discovered by A. E. Bolton of the San Francisco bar association, who, with Judge W. B. Cope and E. S. Heller appeared before the committee to argue the merits of the bar association's holiday bill. This provided for authorizing the judges of superior courts to perform any acts on special holidays that they could perform on ordinary days, leaving the matter of acting in suits that might affect financial institutions to the discretion of the courts.

**BOLTON MAKES DISCOVERY**  
Bolton picked up the call and discovered that it referred to judicial acts and did not mention ministerial acts. He conveyed his fears to the members of the committee, who decided at once that they were helpless and that the only thing left for them to do was to ask the governor to include a proper authorization for the required legislation in his call for the supplemental session which he tentatively promised for the adoption of the San Francisco charter amendments.

Some of the legislators were so impressed with the direct consequence of the discovery made by Bolton that they seemed to feel that all that could be done would be the enactment of the bill for the postponement of the collection of taxes. Others feared that they would be compelled to remain in Sacramento for at least another week to unravel the tangle they thought they were in. The majority sentiment, however, seemed to be that failure to legislate on the subject of ministerial acts would leave the banks in no different situation than they had been in for 31 days and that the good sense of the public must be relied upon.

**COMPLICATED PROBLEM**  
Then it dawned on some of them that ministerial acts were not affected by holidays, but they special or otherwise. The lay members of the legislature, who were promptly acquainted with the technical details of the muddle, decided that either their lawyer governor or their lawyer colleagues and advisers were off their legal bases, cursed their ill luck and resigned themselves to the worst.

The governor's emphatic rejection of the idea of another call relieved the minds of the majority, which wants to get away, regardless of how many bills may be closed by attachment. Former Attorney General Hart said tonight that, in his opinion, the call gave the legislature ample authority to amend the whole section of the code covering court proceedings on holidays.

The subcommittee had at previous meetings gone over the matters to be contained in the remedial bill and met tonight to draft the proposed new measure. Bolton was called upon to give his views concerning matters to be incorporated in the bill, and he expressed the opinion that the measure drafted by the San Francisco bar association was the safest one under the circumstances. He admitted, however, that a danger existing in the bill was that it left too much to the discretion of the superior judges. This could not be remedied at the present time, as the committee was limited in its powers by the call for the extra session.

**MILLER RAISES POINT**  
The point was then raised by Senator Miller that the bar association bill provided only for judicial acts and did not cover ministerial acts.

"You are empowered only to define judicial acts," replied Bolton, who was examining a copy of the governor's call.

"This was disputed by several members of the committee and when their attention was called to the governor's call they for the first time learned that from the outset they had been working along wrong lines. A reference to the call showed them that they were to declare only 'what judicial acts may be performed by the courts' during the continuance of the legal holidays. They had been endeavoring to draft a bill that would include ministerial as well as judicial acts.

The subcommittee at once threw up the job of drafting the measure. The members were united in the opinion that under the call they were powerless to grant the relief desired.

"We might just as well quit here," said Senator Willis, for with the limited power delegated to us we never can draft a measure that will meet all the requirements of existing conditions."

**DRUIDESSES INSTALL OFFICERS**  
Boadicea circle of the Druidesses, U. A. O. D., has installed the following officers: Lena Sonnemann, arch druidess; Amanda Taeger, first bard; J. Meyer, second bard; Emma J. Nutt Steilweg, secretary; and Jennie Malmburg, treasurer. The installing officer was District Deputy Emma Hymef.

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