

STATE'S DEFICIT GROWS WITH CITRUS FRUIT LOSS

Calamity in South Will Reduce Revenue From Gross Earnings Taxes on Railroads About \$600,000

This Means Legislature Must Make Provision Far in Excess of Controller's Estimate of \$1,800,000

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH
CALL BUREAU, SACRAMENTO HOTEL, SACRAMENTO, January 8.

If the estimates of the southern fruit crop loss approximately accurate, a shrinkage of at least \$600,000 in the revenue derived from the gross earnings taxes on railroads must be provided for in the tax legislation to be enacted by the legislature.

Assuming that the crop loss aggregates \$40,000,000, the decrease in the gross earnings of the railroads would be something like \$15,000,000, and the shrinkage in the state's revenue from that source alone something like \$600,000.

Without reference to this new hole in the revenue bucket, Governor Johnson is convinced that the deficit to be faced greatly will exceed the controller's estimates, which aggregate approximately \$1,800,000.

Those estimates are made without provision for extensions and improvements that must be made by special appropriations.

MONEY IS NEEDED BADLY

Every institution for the insane is overcrowded. One new hospital must be built.

The reformatory for first offenders must be started.

The normal increase of governmental expenses incident to the growth of the state must be met.

There will be just one administration measure put up to the legislature before the constitutional interregnum provided by the bifurcated session amendment.

That measure will be the bill for the increase of the gross earnings tax rates on the corporations in the segregated classes. That bill will be prepared by Senator Newton W. Thompson. It will be completed and passed before the legislature takes its recess.

"Administration measure" is a slogan which will avail unopposed and would close the legislature nothing at this session.

At the last regular session every legislator with a pet bill had it advertised as an administration measure. He hunted for votes with the threat or the assurance that the governor wanted the bill passed.

The governor finally was forced to clip the wings of two or three dozen downy birds by issuing formally a list of the measures the administration was interested in.

ONE ADMINISTRATION MEASURE

No such list will be issued prior to the constitutional recess. However, it may be stated authoritatively that at the present there is just one administration measure. With equal certainty it may be stated that no other measure will be considered until after the recess. And in that same connection it may be remarked that every ounce of administration energy will be exerted to insure the final consideration of that measure before the legislators go home at the end of this month.

There is no uncertainty about the governor's intent on that score. He purposes to pass available this year the increased revenue available this year. He does not expect serious opposition. He is prepared to meet any opposition—to fight, if need be, and to make the going exceedingly warm for the opposition.

There is uncertainty as to the plan to be adopted. Whether a horizontal raise for all classes will be adopted or an adjustment of rates figured out remains to be determined.

The governor admits that he has an opinion, but denies that he has reached a conclusion. He usually reaches a conclusion only after comparative figures being prepared by the board of equalization are completed. Those figures will be transmitted to the legislature next Tuesday.

MARTYRED MINORITY AWAITS

A martyred senatorial minority emitted loud wails of anguish and louder cries of defiance for several hours today. A heartless majority was denounced for crushing patriots but defenseless minority under its iron shod heels and then insisting upon directing the disposition of the remains.

Patronage was the incentive of the battle which consumed all of the morning session and the major portion of a late afternoon session. The crippled but audible democrats held two caucuses, staged several fights among themselves and finally worried the majority into saving their wounds with allowances for an extra stenographer, a clerk and a page or porter.

Early this morning the democrats had a caucus. By a majority they decided to stick to their guns and demand the appointment of the four stenographers named yesterday. That list did not include the name of Senator Grant's candidate. Neither did it provide for any of the constituents of Senators Owens, Shanahan and Cohn.

Wherefore, Grant, Owens, Cohn and Shanahan decided that they had not attended a caucus. Also they made speeches strictly in accord with the remarks of Senator Boynton, who announced that he purposed to see fair play in the minority ranks.

DEMOCRATS ARE SUBDUED

Curtin and Caminetti informed Boynton and a ruthless majority that it was none of their business what the democrats did with their paltry \$20 a day. Caminetti said he could not be bought for a measly allowance for a stenographer or two, and exposed some near secrets touching the majority caucus. Boynton, irritated by uncovering some democratic strategy.

The democrats were squelched temporarily by a rollcall.

Then the majority leaders stood for peace and agreed to make honorable if secret concessions if the bourbon only would get together. Another caucus was held. Then another session. Caminetti refused to make a speech. Four stenographers were appointed. Curtin and Caminetti went their several ways to devise ways and means for the incitement of another scrap tomorrow.

Registration and bonding of paid lobbyists are provided by a bill which will be introduced by Senator E. S. Birdsall of Auburn. Birdsall's bill provides for an adaptation of the Wisconsin system. The senator would compel attorneys and other lobbyists to file a comprehensive statement of their employment with the secretary of state, disclosing fully their employers and including an itemized statement of their expenses. The penalties prescribed for infractions of the proposed law are imprisonment for from ten days to six months and fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Birdsall will also be sponsor for a

Labor Quizzes Law Makers

Eight Problems Presented

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—A pamphlet containing a list of questions propounded to candidates for the senate and assembly and a record of their answers was circulated by labor leaders tonight. The questions are: 1. Shall the present eight-hour law, enlargement of state bureau of labor statistics, establishment of state employment bureau, curbing power of judges in the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes, remedying "unemployment evil," establishing compulsory compensation and a state insurance system for protection of employees injured or killed, establishment of inspection of weights and measures, and improvement of sanitary conditions in all places of employment.

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Avey went into consultation with Governor Johnson this afternoon, as a result of which it is probable that the money asked for will be available within a week.

Under the laws of California state money can be deposited, as call loans, with state and national banks, at 2 per cent interest, per annum, with prescribed security. In view of the unusual conditions in southern California, assurance will be asked that the money will be furnished to the banks in the south for a period of at least six months.

It was represented to the governor that banks in many sections of the frozen district will not have the cash to make the loan. It will be asked within a very short time.

In obtaining deposits of public moneys, banks must put up as security either state, county, city, school or irrigation district bonds.

STATE FUNDS WILL AID FROZEN SOUTH

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BILLS COVER WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

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Assemblyman J. J. Ryan of San Francisco will present on behalf of the Pedic society of California a bill asking for the creation of a state board of examiners for chiropractors.

Assemblyman George Johnson of San Bernardino proposes that tax paying voters who cast a ballot at state, county and special elections be refunded \$3 of their vote.

The fencing of large timber grants to prevent trespass, is the purpose of a bill that will be introduced by Assemblyman C. W. White from Trinity county.

Assemblyman C. W. Byrnes of Marin county will present a bill to take examinations for admittance to the bar out of the hands of the courts of appeal. He seeks the appointment of a commission of law examiners consisting of three attorneys.

REORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION

The bill for the reorganization of the state board of education devised by the Commonwealth club of San Francisco, was brought to Sacramento today by Prof. Thomas Harrison Reed of the University of California. Reed is executive secretary to Governor Johnson. Some such bill is necessary because the free textbook amendment to the state constitution, which was passed by the people, had the effect of putting the then existing state board out of business.

The Commonwealth club bill provides a board of seven members appointed by the governor and serving four year terms. The state superintendent of public instruction is made the executive officer of the board, which must meet at least twice a year. The board is given control of the state school funds subject to existing laws. It is authorized to appoint three assistant state superintendents of public instruction, examiners, special agents and clerical assistants, fixing their salaries and prescribing their duties.

It is charged with the obligation of putting into effect the free textbook amendment and is given control of courses of study, textbooks, examinations and the general educational field. Members of the board shall receive no salary, but a allowance is made of \$10 per day for attendance at board meetings. The act is made an emergency measure, taking effect immediately upon passage.

SOLDIERS' EXEMPTION DEFENDED

To compel assessors of various counties and municipalities to respect and enforce the provisions of the soldiers' exemption law of which he is the author, former Assemblyman Randall of Los Angeles is here to have legislation passed strengthening his law favoring the veterans. He declares that the many soldiers and their widows who have been denied their exemption may yet demand and secure a refund of the unlawful taxes collected from them.

LOWER HOUSE HOLDS A SHORT SESSION

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—Democrats competed with republicans today on the floor of the assembly in offering money saving amendments to the report of the mileage committee.

As soon as the clerk had finished reading the report Assemblyman Inman moved an amendment remitting his mileage, and said that he hoped his fellow members would all follow his example. Inman's home is in Sacramento and his mileage 20 cents.

Not to be outdone, Finnegan (democrat) of Nevada City moved an amendment cutting two miles off his account, explaining that the railroad to his city had been straightened, shortening his route from 77 to 75 miles.

COMMITTEES TO BE ANNOUNCED

The mileage committee report was the only business before the assembly,

Marquis Visits Site of Proposed Palace Spanish Building to Rival All in Beauty

Member of the architectural commission of the exposition, Clarence R. Ward (at left), explaining to marquis de la Vega Inclan, Spanish commissioner, the plans and showing the models of the proposed buildings for the exposition. The marquis is standing at the right, next to William T. Sesnon, chairman of the entertainment committee of the exposition.



throw our help away, go right ahead and we will give you a fight to a finish." He elicited from Senator Grant that Grant had been asked to name a committee clerk and had done so.

COMPLETED RULES SENT TO PRINTER

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—Joint rules of the senate and assembly, designed to facilitate legislation, were completed and sent to the state printer today by the joint committee appointed at the thirty-ninth legislature to compile them.

It was decided not to present them for passage until they had been printed and the members had a chance to look them over. They probably will be taken up tomorrow morning.

The original idea of joint committee meetings was modified to provide for joint hearings at the discretion of chairmen of the upper and lower house committees. Senator Leroy A. Wright of San Diego, who worked out this plan, said tonight that the new rules, if adopted, should provide means for working into joint committees if that is found desirable.

STANDING COMMITTEES NUMBER 26

Twenty-six standing committees in each house are provided for. In addition to these each house may constitute as many committees as it sees fit. This provision enables the senate and the assembly to establish committees to meet their varying requirements and also affords the possibility of increasing the number of committees to provide more chairmanships than would otherwise be available for distribution among members. In a body where every man would like to be a chairman this feature is considered of some importance.

The standing committees which are the same in both houses under the rules are: Agriculture, banking, commerce and navigation, corporations, county government, drainage, swamp and overflow lands, education, elections, federal relations, finance in the senate and ways and means in the assembly, fish and game, hospitals and asylums, insurance, irrigation, judiciary, labor and capital, military affairs, mines and mining, municipal corporations, oil industries, public health and quarantine, public morals, prisons and reformatories, revenue and taxation, roads and highways, rules.

JOINT RULES PROVISION

Joint committees on joint rules and on another on revision and printing are provided for. The latter is given large scope. It has the power to correct clerical errors in bills, and upon written consent of authors to alter the grammar and text of the bills themselves.

SENATE IN BROIL OVER PATRONAGE

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.—For the first time in many years the legislature convened in the midst of a blinding snowstorm.

In the senate members talked of little else before the body convened, much anxiety being manifested as to the extent of the storm.

Senator George W. Cartwright of Fresno, who has been ill, made his first appearance.

Senator E. B. Sanford of Ukiah, who is ill of ptomaine poisoning, was excused.

A few appointments were confirmed. Democratic senators who for two days conducted a fight over the distribution of patronage and who threatened to keep fighting the rest of the session were placated by majority leaders today.

At a session at 5 o'clock a resolution providing for the appointment of the same four stenographers nominated yesterday by Senator J. B. Curtin of Sonoma, democrat, was introduced by Senator E. K. Strobbridge of Hayward, republican, and adopted.

It is understood that another stenographer will be allowed the minority, making one for every two democrats.

ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY

This arrangement, it is understood, was satisfactory to Senator E. E. Grant of San Francisco, who objected to Senator Curtin's nominations, and the fifth stenographer may be of Grant's naming.

Before the meeting Senator A. E. Boynton of Oroville, president pro tem of the senate, made good promise made at the morning session that his stenographer, F. B. Wood, LL. D. (Stanford), would take the work of any four democrats.

Wood was assigned by Secretary Walter N. Parrish of the senate to serve Senators Boynton, Curtin, Caminetti, Shanahan and Sanford. Under the new arrangement life will be less strenuous for him.

Senator Curtin offered a resolution early in the session recalling his yesterday's resolution on democratic patronage from committee, to which it has been sent by the republicans.

"It has the support of a majority of the democrats," he said.

Senator E. E. Grant (dem) of San Francisco, made his maiden speech against Senator Curtin's motion. Senator T. W. H. Shanahan (dem) of Redding declared that the \$20 a day patronage allowed to the 10 minority members was not a fair use of the state's funds.

GRANT IS ASHAMED

"When you gentlemen of the majority get where you can reach in and get a little party grab, and when Senator Curtin and others of the minority reach in for the rest of it, I revert to

ROYAL SANCTION IS SOUGHT BY COMMISSIONER

Sends Cable to King Alfonso. Asking Permission to Select Site for Exhibit Edifice

A favorable report upon the exposition plans, recommendation of a building along the lines of Spain's palace in the Paris exposition of 1900, but costlier, and a request that he be immediately delegated to act as commissioner to select Spain's site some time next week will be telegraphed to King Alfonso of Spain either today or tomorrow by marquis de la Vega Inclan, according to his private secretary, Enrique de Ocariz. Following an examination of the exposition design and a personal visit to the site, accompanied by his secretary, the marquis was enthusiastic.

"The marquis is highly pleased," said de Ocariz. "Of course, he was only delegated here to examine and report. I do not believe the Spanish ambassador will be asked out to participate in the ceremonies. It was planned to send out materials from Spain to construct our palace, but at present it does not look as if this will be possible. If we can figure enough time to have it sent through, the marquis will do this, but, according to the present calculation, this would allow us only seven months, which is not sufficient time. The structure will be old Spanish design and the chief exhibits will be objects of art, tapestries, paintings and the like.

It is probable that a member of the royal family will attend, although this has not yet been definitely arranged.

It is understood that the marquis in his trip to the grounds, attended only by his secretary, tentatively selected a site. He will meet with President C. C. Moore this morning to discuss details, and following this will make an official visit with exposition officials. A luncheon will be given him at the Palace Friday.

An informal dinner to Mons. Jean de Pulligny, director in charge of the French engineering mission, and to P. R. Benson, the English master of pageants, was given last evening by Raphael Well at the Bohemian club.

The special committee representing the California county supervisors will meet this morning with the officials for the purpose of thrashing out plans for the California Counties building. This is the only one for which designs have not been completed, and the various counties have been demanding information concerning it for some time.

Director of Works Harris D. H. Conrick announced that bids for the educational building will be called for within the next few days. This building will be 500x600 feet, and bids will be received early in February. The directorate will furnish the lumber.

F. S. Brittan, general attorney, has reported to President Moore that the lands required at Harbor View have been procured and all litigation is practically ended. The total amount asked for the property was \$119,820, and the sum paid was \$104,366.

San Joaquin Favors It

STOCKTON, Jan. 8.—The supervisors of San Joaquin county have gone on record as favoring an appropriation of \$1,000,000 with which to erect a California building at the Panama-Pacific exposition. A resolution to this effect was adopted and the clerk instructed to notify Governor Johnson, the exposition management and the various members of the legislature.

Sonoma County in Line.

SANTA ROSA, Jan. 8.—Resolutions in favor of a California counties building at the Panama-Pacific exposition were passed today at the annual meeting of the Sonoma County Development board. Sonoma county representatives in the legislature will be asked to work for the measure. C. E. Humbert of Cloverdale was elected president of the board and Edward H. Brown, secretary and treasurer.

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