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BLUE SKY LAW TO BAR FRAUDS THRESHED OUT

Texas Senate Gives Nearly EntireDay to Measure By Carlock

WEST TEXAS SCHOOL BILL PREPARED

Movement for Increasing Confederate Pensions Near Success

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 1. — Consideration of the blue sky law by Senator Carlock occupied most of the session in the senate today. This bill proposes to prevent fraud in stocks, bonds and other securities offered for sale in Texas licensing the companies, brokers and agents making such sales and placing the administration of the law in the hands of a commission, similar to the act, to be known as the Texas Securities commission. The bill was still pending when our article appeared.

The university land bill which grants an extension of five years to permit adding permits to develop university and public school lands was signed by Governor Neff today and became law the moment the governor's signature. The governor signed four other bills of minor importance.

A bill creating the West Texas Agricultural and Military college was passed upon today at a meeting here of W. H. Russell of A. and M. college, and six directors of that institution. A similar bill had been introduced in the house but certain parts of it were objected to by the directors present today. The bill prepared today provides for the West Texas school to be west of the 99th meridian and north of the 32th parallel. A committee composed of the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, attorney general and the commissioner of agriculture will select the site of the new institution. The commitiy will not be influenced by gifts of bonuses the bill provides. It carries no appropriation, that being left to the legislature. However, $51,500 is carried in the bill, $50,000 for purchasing the site of not less than 840 acres and $1,500 for expenses of the locating committee.

Representatives of the Texas League of Women Voters, Texas Federation of Women's clubs and the Texas Congress of Mothers appeared before the house and senate committees on penitentiaries in joint session and requested that a scientific survey of prison conditions in Texas be made. They were informed that a resolution is pending in the senate calling for an investigation of the prisons of Texas, following charges of brutality printed in state papers, and that an amendment incorporating their survey would be presented to the senate.

After devoting the entire time of today's session to the discussion of the bill by Carlock Wheeler, relating to the jurisdiction of the supreme court and amending the statutes making it mandatory for the court to pass on writs of error covering points of law in which the amount in the controversy exceeds $2,000 the house passed the bill to engrossment, shortly before adjournment. The bill was passed after several amendments had been added.

The house sent resolution to the chair of Hardeman, providing for an amendment to the constitution calling

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MORRIS GEST BRINGS SUIT AGAINST FORD

Theatrical Producer Asks $5,000,000 as Damages for Publication

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 1. — The process in a $5,000,000 damage suit against Henry Ford and his organ, the Dearborn Independent, was filed in circuit court today by Morris Gest, theatrical producer, who alleged that an article in the Independent on Jan. 15, 1921, contained "libelous, slanderous and false statements" concerning Mr. Gest and certain stage productions he has handled.

The article mentioned in the suit was said to have attacked Jewishness and claimed to underlie nearly some of the most salacious advertising ever issued in America.

The article, which was alleged to have been libelous, was copied in the press. It asserted that the American stage was under the influence and control of a group of former junk blocks, newsboys, local spectators, peddling falsehood and literary characters.

After saying that Mr. Gest stands before his fellow Jews as the greatest producer of the year, the article declared that Mr. Gest was not a great producer, but a "murderer of a public whose taste he has been the most factor in debasing."

Gest, it said, sold newspapers in Boston and in 1906 was a member of a motorcycle gang of "ticket speculators who were the bane of the public."

"There is nothing in God's universe in Indiana that he would not contribute anything to the theatre's best interests," the article said, and also declared that "the story of Morris Gest is the best one in the world to use as a sermon story of the rise of hundreds of Jews who became a great political influence."

EASTMAN KODAK CO. MUST LOP OFF BRANCHES

By The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 1. — Judge John R. Hazel today entered a decree in the case of the United States against the Eastman Kodak company, ordering the company to cease and desist from the practices in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, which the court found to be in restraint of trade in the photographic business.

DEATH PENALTY FOR ROBBERS

By Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 1. — The Ontario senate today passed without a dissenting vote, a bill making robbery with arms a capital offense and prescribing the same penalty for robbery as is assessed for murder in the first degree. The bill was introduced since its introduction by Senator W. A. Jackson, applies to robbery of business persons, residences and highway robbers.

Peruvians Give Atlantic Fleet Warm Welcome

By The Associated Press

CALLAO, Peru, Feb. 1. — The vessels of the United States Atlantic fleet arrived here this morning after being delayed by a dense fog. The Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau, with Admiral Grant, commander of the fleet, was towed into the harbor by the Peruvian cruisers Grau and Bolognesi. The warships took up anchorage in the outer harbor, among the merchantmen, which arrived yesterday. The Pennsylvania fired a salute, which was replied to by the batteries on shore.

Many excursion vessels put out to meet the American warships, and at least 10,000 persons greeted the visiting fleet.

The United States ambassador to Peru, William E. Dunn, visited Admiral Wilson aboard the Pennsylvania and the officers exchanged the usual calls. Later Admiral Wilson, accompanied by the members of his staff, Ambassador Dunning and Premier Leguia, visited President Leguia in Lima.

Admiral Wilson was given an ovation when he appeared in the streets of Lima and everywhere the American sailors were greeted enthusiastically. The visit has been officially announced will continued. This evening the American officers were given a banquet in the American embassy, which was followed by a ball in the capital this evening.

Harding's Income Must Suffer Tax

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Message of President Harding to congress, which will contain a strong appeal for the repeal of the high surtaxes on incomes from the present income tax schedules, was ready for congress today. Mr. Harding, the state department this morning, Mr. Wilson, Secretary Hughes, Secretary Hoover, Secretary Wallace, Secretary Weeks and Mr. Harding spent nearly two-thirds of their time on messages.

President Wilson was excluded from the income tax under a decision today holding he was not an officer of the government of the 1913 revenue laws under which taxes were levied to be imposed on the salaries of the president and federal judges.

WISCONSIN COMPOSER DIES

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 1. — Louis J. Orth, musician and composer, died today. At 16 he composed "In a Chief's Wigwam." He also composed "Sun Bird Rises," and other descriptive classical pieces extensively.

NOTED PAINTER DIES.

By The Associated Press

EDINBURG, Scotland, Feb. 1. — Sir Hunter, noted painter, died here today. His pictures have appeared in the national exhibitions in Europe and the United States. He was a member of the Society of Scottish Artists.

JAP PROBLEMS ARE RESERVED FOR HARDING

No Formal Announcement Made But Course Seen to be Indicated

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Settlement of diplomatic problems with Japan, especially as arising from the treatment by the state of California of anti-alien land ownership legislation will be postponed until the Harding administration assumes office, it was indicated today by state department officials.

While no formal announcements on the subject were made, it was intimated that this was because of the short life left the present administration and the long standing character of the problems now in process of settlement. The new government, it would be unwise to hasten action, they said, and adjustment, merely for the purpose of concluding a treaty under this administration.

Officials said also that the recommendations submitted to the respective governments by Roland S. Morris, United States ambassador to Japan and Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, as a result of their recent informal conversation, directed to a solution of the problems, were not to be interpreted as in the nature of an agreement. It might be necessary, they added, for the ambassadors to resume their conversations after the two governments had studied the reports.

Both secretary of state Colby and Under Secretary Davis during the last few days have been engaged in studying Ambassador Morris' report, but they have not reached the point of taking up the question with President Wilson.

WILSON GIVES DETAILS OF EUROPE'S DESTITUTION

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Further information received from relief officials regarding conditions in Europe was transmitted to the senate today by President Wilson in response to a senate resolution of inquiry. Among the documents was a report from the state department agent who visited several European countries last summer.

The state department reports the serious plight of people in Austria, Hungary, Poland and other central European countries with the exception of Serbia, where food was reported plentiful.

Coast to Coast Flight in One Day to Be Attempted

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 1. — Cadets speed today at headquarters of the Eighth corps, United States army, authorize a transcontinental air trip from Palm beach, Florida, to San Diego, California, by Lieutenant Alexander Pearson of Douglas, Ariz.

The flight, it is planned will be made in a single day, Feb. 22 having been chosen as the date on which Lieut. Pearson will take off.

The start will be made, the first at Dallas, Texas, and he stopped at El Paso, Texas. The take-off, it is planned, will be made shortly after midnight on the morning of Washington's birthday, and it is predicted he will land in San Diego about 10 o'clock the same night.

FORDNEY BILL GIVEN SERIES OF HARD HITS

Emergency Tariff Measure Appears to Have Small Chance to Live

SENATORS PICK FLAWS IN ITEMS

Attacks Continue Throughout Entire Session Under Cloture Prospect

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — With Senator Stanfield (republican, North Dakota) in charge, the emergency tariff bill went through another day of hard knocks in the senate today, opponents of the measure attacking every opportunity to assail it.

Whether the bill will be submitted or considered upon the question of debate will be decided tomorrow when the Penrose motion for closing debate is voted. The motion, adopted yesterday, provides that if the bill adopted cannot then dispose of the conference in four hours speaking on the bill was unlimited. They said opponents of debate would continue from 4 to 10 hours, if they would be necessary to defeat the motions.

Prospects of closing debate took a decided turn against the measure. It is after Vice President Marshall had ruled that all amendments must be submitted and read before the vote on passage, set for one o'clock.

Every senator who wanted changes in the bill thereafter began loading it down and demanding that they be read.

Then there was the declaration by Senator Townsend, republican, Michigan, that he intended to call up the postoffice appropriation bill the moment the emergency tariff bill was out of the way. He intimated that if the tariff bill was pending and challenged the majority of the Fordney measure in continue filibustering against the estimate legislation with the expectation of adjournment.

Mr. Townsend's statement precipitated a heated debate in which half a dozen of senators participated. It was the first day in which the bill actually was in the race in all discussions and its revenue picked flaws in every item. Although Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, delivered a long speech against it the full force of the attack developed afternoon and continued until the senate recessed.

WILSON ATTENDS THEATER

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, brought up in the theater for the first time since he was taken ill more than a year and a half ago.

CALDER BILL TO BE FOUGHT BY LABORITES

Official of Mine Workers Says Coal Regulation Would Be Perilous

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — The enactment of the Calder bill to regulate the coal industry will be a calamity, in the opinion of the miners' executive board, Frank J. Wilson, president, stated today to the United Mine Workers, testifying today before the senate agriculture committee.

Declaring that miners were afraid that the bill would be passed, Wilson said the miners had no quarrel with the provisions of the bill, but that they feared the bill would be used as a precedent for other legislation having adverse effect on labor.

Mr. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, who was to have been the first witness today, was not present. Mr. Wilson said Mr. Lewis was ill.

DETECTIVE AGENCIES BLAMED FOR BOMB PLOTS

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Private detective agencies were accused today by Charles Hertz, New York lawyer, as having been partially responsible for bomb outrages in the United States. Mr. Hertz said he was testifying before the senate judiciary committee in the interest of a man who was the victim of a conspiracy which he asserted was made to appear that a bomb factory existed in his office. The conspiracy had to was completed to a little dynamite was found.

Mr. Hertz said he regretted the necessity of his appearance before the committee, but was compelled to do so because of the fact that he was referred to the committee by the district attorney's office. The bill was taken with reference to the Frazier bill providing for general amnesty to prisoners held for violation of the espionage act, which is before the committee.

BRIDE HAS LUCK AT MONTE CARLO

MRS. HARRY SCHWARTZ

Mrs. Harry Schwartz, of New York, pictured in Monte Carlo, accompanying her husband, who was accompanying her on a visit to Europe and the Near East, and who has just returned to New York. It was her first visit to Monte Carlo and she placed "10" on the wheel.

DALLAS HOLDUP STORY RELATED BY SCRIVNER

Confessed Participant Says Rowan Was Master Mind in Postoffice Affair

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 1. — W. H. Scrivner, confessed participant in the Fort Worth postoffice robbery, testifying today in federal district court in the trial of himself, Albert Jennings and Ben Lora, charged with the robbery, said that Rowan had been drinking whiskey and had been drinking whiskey for two days preceding the robbery. Rowan was committed to the Dallas county jail, where he was arrested that night, charged with the robbery.

Scrivner said he had confessed in the Dallas county jail to the robbery of the Fort Worth postoffice, but had denied participation in the robbery of the Dallas postoffice. He said he had been drinking whiskey for two days before the robbery.

Scrivner said he had been in the employ of the government for 10 years, with the exception of two years, during which he was a postal inspector. He said he had been employed in the postoffice department in Fort Worth, and his conscience was troubled. He said he was induced to rob the Fort Worth and his conscience was troubled. He said he was induced to rob the Fort Worth and Dallas postoffices by Rowan.

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Mrs. Harding Shops All Day

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — The wife of the president spent most of today in the shops of the White House. Mrs. Harding did not leave the house until 3 o'clock, when she went to a hotel where she spent the afternoon in the shops. Mrs. Harding was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Phillips, and a number of secret service men.

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SMALLER ARMY MEN DISPLAY STRONG GRIP

Debate Upon Appropriation Bill Shows Readiness to Fight for Cut

TOTAL OF 150,000 POPULAR STAND

National Guard Considered Great Asset for Army Extra Calls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Taking up the $328,000,000 army appropriation bill, the house in the first flurry of debate today showed it was ready to fight any attempt to put the enlisted personnel above 150,000 men provided for in the measure.

Chairman Anthony of the appropriations subcommittee, in charge of the bill, declared that in reducing the amount provided for the army's maintenance, it had responded to public demand and effort now was being made to put an end to the waste and extravagance that has characterized the military establishment for the last few years."

In the hours time allotted him for explaining provisions of the bill, the chairman was interrupted by a volley of questions.

The questions — and they flew thick and fast from both sides of the chamber — indicated strong support for an army of 150,000 men and approximately 13,000 commissioned officers.

Mr. Anthony stated this number would be sufficient for all requirements that the National Guard would become an invaluable adjunct if given the whole-hearted support and sympathy of the war department, and that there would be no difficulty in bringing down the present total by July 1, the end of the fiscal year.

The total cost of the military establishment this year was $484,000,000, the chairman said, while for the next fiscal year the department had asked for $492,000,000.

Representative Sisson of Mississippi, ranking democrat on the subcommittee, declared that in developing a resolution directing the secretary of war not to recruit beyond 175,000, congress was not prevented from insisting on a less figure. He said there were entirely too many civilian employees and told the house if he could write a new military law he would abolish the army general staff and shift its duty to the secretary of war.

"The general staff," he added, "serves in the magnificent capacity of the greatest buck passer of the army."

Consideration of the bill was delayed by filibustering tactics, which included many quorum calls and a demand for the reading of the 90 pages of printed text by Representative McClintic, democrat, Oklahoma, who also objected to unanimous consent for four hours' debate.

The house got around his objections, however, with a formal motion adopted on a roll call vote, 273 to 3.

DANIELS APPROVES BILL TO EMBARGO OIL EXPORT

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Secretary Daniels has given his approval to a bill of Senator Phelan, democrat, California, authorizing the president to embargo petroleum exports. The Phelan bill is pending before the senate naval committee and the California senator said today he would press the matter.

Exportation of California oil to Japan caused Senator Phelan to introduce his bill.

Wilson to Call Special Session of New Senate

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — President Wilson is expected to issue a call on account of President elect Harding's call for a special session of the new senate for March to act on Mr. Harding's appointments of cabinet and other important officers. Both a special session is necessary at the change of each administration and usually lasts only a few days.

Mr. Harding's request that the president and the new senate together was conveyed in a telegram to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, and was transmitted to the White House today by Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader, acting at the behest of Senator Lodge.

President-elect Harding will issue after his inauguration a call for a special session of the full congress for early spring, but he desires to have the most important of his official appointments confirmed before that time so that the administration machinery may be permanently established with the least possible delay.

Neinast Case Report is Ready For Presenting

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 1. — The house committee appointed to investigate charges against Representative H. J. Neinast, of Washington county, contesting his seat in the house, completed the report of its findings this afternoon and will submit it to the house tomorrow morning. However, Representative Fly, chairman of the committee, announced that the report may be changed before it is filed with the speaker.

Mr. Neinast is charged with having been convicted on his own plea of guilty to smuggling against the United States during the world war and that his attitude during the war was one of disloyalty and pro-Germanism. The charges were presented on the initial roll call at the opening of the legislature and were signed by Representatives Robert N. Thrasher of Travis and Thomas H. Pollard of Van Zandt.

The committee heard testimony of approximately twenty-five witnesses during the investigation. Mr. Neinast

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Rural Schools in Nueces County Will Be Put on a Cash Basis for Remainder of Year, Benton is Informed

All rural schools in Nueces county will be placed on a cash basis for the remainder of the year, according to news received by Nat Benton, superintendent of education in Nueces county, yesterday. Mr. Benton received notice that $5,330 from the state aid fund, for rural schools in Nueces county, had been forwarded to the depository here. In addition to this amount $2,705 will be apportioned to schools in the Tiloborom, Calallen and Agua Dulce districts which are separate and have their own depositories.

The combined state amount to $8,035 from the state aid fund which is in addition to the regular state apportionment.

Some time ago an inspector was here inspecting the schools in Nueces county to determine whether aid should be allocated. He visited a large number of schools and returned a favorable report. State aid will not be procurable next year but the passage of the amendment in the recent election permitting individual district taxes to be used for school needs will take its place providing the legislature acts favorably in regard to it.

All Lighting Company and Street Car Property to Be Offered for Sale Under Order of Court

All properties, rights and franchises of the Corpus Christi Railway and Light company will be offered for sale to the highest and best bidder at the Nueces county court house at 11 o'clock a. m. March 7. The sale is by order of the district court of the United States district court for the southern district of Texas in the cause of The Merchants Union Trust company and Alfred H. Newburger, trustee, complainants, vs. Corpus Christi Railway and Light company, defendant, in equity, issued Jan. 21, 1921.

In carrying out the long expected step the receiver first will offer for sale the company's entire property, including both railway and lighting divisions. Immediately after this has been done the receiver will offer the property in two parts which, together will include the whole of the properties of the company and, separately will be:

First part, street railway— All the property, including the franchise or franchises, belonging to the company

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