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## COMMITTEE REDUCES FISH TAXES

### Wilbur Raps Knockers of Summer Cruise to Australia

#### GREAT FLEET IS TO CRUISE TO AUSTRALIA

Secretary of Navy Replies, with Form Letters, to Those Protesting.

WASHINGTON, April 23. — Secretary of Navy Wilbur announces that the American fleet of the United States Fleet to Australia this summer will proceed despite protests from American citizens and organizations.

The Secretary said he was answering objectors with a form letter declaring that if everything was known "speakers and writers would not attempt to hamper the Government efforts to promote friendship abroad and make certain our ability to maintain peace for our own lands."

#### BISHOP BROWN ADOPTS HERESY GIVES REASONS

Delivers Address in New York City—Heresy Versus Hypocrisy.

NEW YORK, April 23. — Bishop Brown, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, convicted recently of heresy, delivered the address last night in non-denominational Community Church which Bishop Manning forbade him to deliver in St. Marks, on the Bowery, last Sunday.

Bishop Brown said he had chosen "heresy in preference to hypocrisy." The conflict between science and traditional theology as practiced and taught by the Episcopal Church provided the background of the present situation, Bishop Brown declared.

#### Two Beautiful Legs Causes Wife To Seek Divorce

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Legs that were "too beautiful" shattered the romance of Ruth Marjory Pinet Burket, known on the stage as Renee Pinet, if the charges of her husband, Flavius Burket, be true.

Mrs. Burket admits she has pretty legs, but says there is nothing wrong about them and when her husband declares they are a sin it causes her great mental suffering. That, is why she is going to sue for divorce. It will be filed at once.

In her complaint for divorce, she says he became insanely jealous every time a man looked at her legs, and frequently threatened to disfigure them.

"But how can I help it if men admire them?" she said.

Mrs. Burket alleges that Burket is the son of a retired wealthy Kansas City capitalist, and that he has an income of \$1,000 a month.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 23.—Fire of explained origin yesterday afternoon wrecked the Salt Air resort on the Great Salt Lake, 20 miles west of here. The loss is put at \$300,000.

#### BUTLER TO QUIT AS G. O. P. HELMSMAN IS WASHINGTON REPORT

NEW YORK, April 23.—A Washington dispatch to the New York American says:

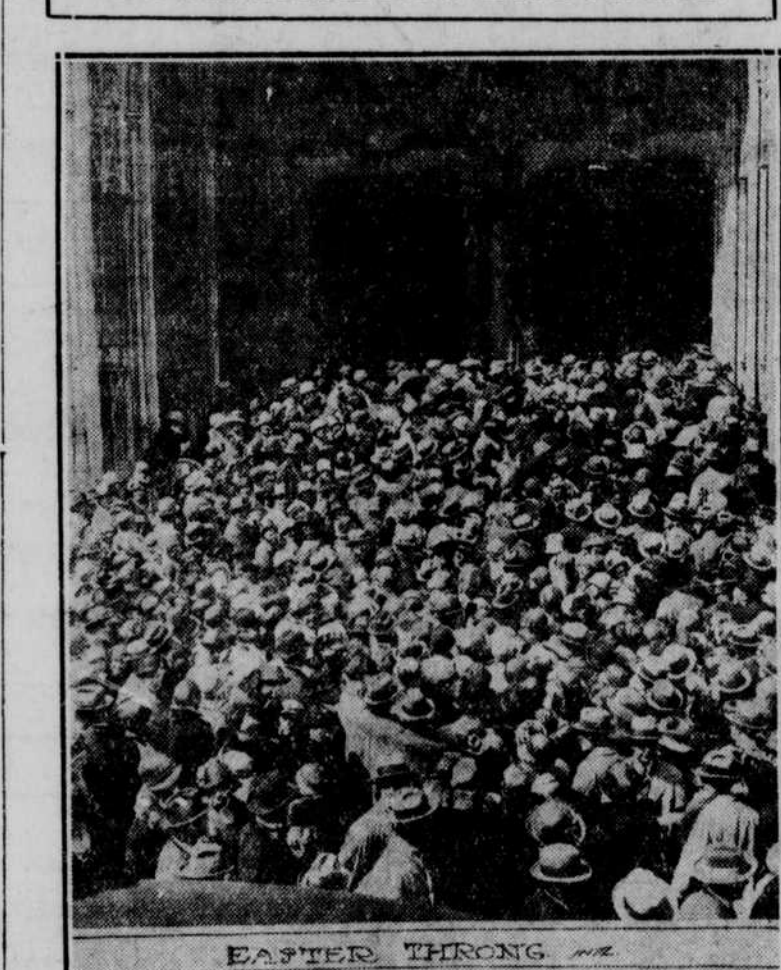
"Senator William M. Butler, of Massachusetts, will resign as Chairman of the Republican National Committee when the committee meets next December to organize for the off-year Senatorial and Congressional elections.

Joseph B. Keating, of Indiana, National Committeeman, is slated to succeed him.

This program, it was learned, has been agreed upon in conferences Butler has had with President Coolidge since the Senator's return from Florida.

Butler, who was selected by the

#### Crowds Storm New York Church



Police reserves had to be called out to turn back this throng of fashionable Fifth avenue worshippers in New York City on Easter Sunday as they sought to storm their way into the exclusive St. Thomas Church, which was already packed to capacity.

#### Chauncey Depew Predicts Eighteenth Amendment May Soon Be Dead Letter

NEW YORK, April 23.—Chauncey Depew, 91 years old today, told reporters he formerly smoked 30 cigars a day, drank one pint of champagne and daily ate red meat heartily but he has broken all of these habits.

Now he does 10 minutes on his daily dozen, his only exercise.

He never played golf, tennis nor baseball, he said.

Chauncey Depew eulogized President Coolidge and Vice-President Dawes. He expressed absolute belief in the Orthodox God, and evolution, and predicted the Eighteenth Amendment will never be repealed but will perhaps become a dead letter.

#### Shoot Each Other Dead In Duel with Pistols

MEXICO CITY, April 23.—"Face to face with pistols at four yards, Carlos Carrillo, electrical engineer, and Prof. Jose Izquierdo, shot each other dead yesterday. They quarreled over work as aldermen in Tacuba, a suburb.

#### President Suzzallo Is Not Going to Resign

SEATTLE, April 23.—Replying to reports he was about to resign and accept a higher salary elsewhere, President Suzzallo, of the University of Washington, said: "I have not the slightest intention of deserting the ship."

#### TO INVESTIGATE MINING FRAUDS

SEATTLE, April 23.—At the luncheon of the Mining Men's Club last night, a committee was named to investigate the complaint on mine stock swindling and present cases to the Prosecuting Attorney, J. M. Ruffner, Alaska silver and lead miner, reported he went to New York for capital after he failed in Washington State because frauds had destroyed confidence in mining.

#### Engineer Mine Case Decision Returned

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 23.—The Court of Appeals has dismissed the appeal of Robert Williams, of Milwaukee, and Horace Williams, of Los Angeles, for dismissal of the application for commissioners to take evidence in the United States in the action against the estate of James Alexander, principal owner of the Engineer Mine. The Court of Appeals ruled that all witnesses must testify here personally.

#### Newspaper Publishers Association Meeting

NEW YORK, April 23.—Delegates at the American Newspaper Publishers Association convention, last night voted to take negotiation of labor contracts out of the hands of the convention and return to the hands of the Directors. The delegates were also of the opinion the broadcasting of news events was more apt to help than hinder circulation.

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#### SENATE DEFEATS STONE MEMORIAL BY VOTE, 5 TO 3

Ayer, Dimond and Pratt Vote for Passage—Hunt Says Home Town Bad.

This afternoon, House Joint Resolution No. 1, by Sheldon, endorsing President Coolidge's appointment of George A. Parks to be Governor of Alaska, passed by the House earlier in the session, was lost in the Senate by a vote of 4 to 4. Senators Ayer, Dimond, Howard and Pratt voted for the resolution.

The Dimond memorial denouncing the famous Stone interview charging Alaska with being lawless and demanding the name of his informant that such informant might be branded as the "liar that he is," was lost in the Senate today by a vote of three to five. Ayer, Dimond and Pratt voting for passage, Aldrich, Brown, Dunn Howard and Hunt voting no. All the members, except Senator Brown, talked on the memorial and the Stone charges and only one, Senator Hunt, who cited alleged vicious conditions prevalent in Ketchikan, contended for the propriety of the charges made by the former Attorney General of the United States.

So emphatic was his denunciation of what Senator Hunt declared were deplorable conditions in his home town that President Ayer, who upheld Alaskans as being a lawabiding and respecting as the people of any part of the United States or of the whole world, was moved to extend his sympathy to Senator Hunt for "being forced to live in Ketchikan." Just prior to this the latter had said he didn't want other Senators to infer from his remarks he was going to move from Ketchikan as he had no such intention, that he was going to stay there and see it through.

Dimond Defends Memorial. Senator Dimond, author of the measure declared that no people anywhere at any time had been so singled out for wholesale condemnation as had Alaskans by the Stone charges which he read from an Associated Press news despatch appearing in the Seward Gateway, The Anchorage Times, The Alaska Daily Empire, and other Alaskan papers. He emphasized the fact that it was circulated by the Associated Press which, he asserted, "is the most, or one of the most, reliable news agencies in this country or in any other country."

As to the justification for his memorial, he declared any person unfamiliar with Alaskans and Alaskan conditions who read the interview would be forced to conclude one-half of the people of this Territory are bootleggers and the remainder of the population fish pirates. Mr. Stone, he said is a man of such high character that he would not have made such sweeping charges had he not believed the information given him to be correct and his informant responsible. Any one who declared Alaskans to be vicious maligned them and should be vigorously condemned which was what his memorial sought to accomplish, he asserted. He acknowledged his measure to be couched in vig-

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#### TWO MILLION BUSHELS CORN, OATS BURNED

Two Chicago Elevators Are Destroyed—Industrial Section Threatened.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Over 2,000,000 bushels of corn and oats belonging to the Grand Marketing Corporation, were destroyed by fire last night when two wooden elevators were burned. The fire for a time threatened the industrial section of the South Side. Blazing grain poured into the south branch of the Chicago River, clogged the stream and threatened shipping which was forced to withdraw. Search has been started for an aged watchman and his wife, quartered in one of the burned buildings.

#### Mildred Harris Is Married; Kept Secret

NEW YORK, April 23.—Mildred Harris, screen actress, who divorced Charlie Chaplin in 1920, declared she was very happy as the bride of E. Terrence McGovern, wealthy Florida real estate man.

She told friends she and McGovern had slipped down to Mexico last November and had secretly wed.

"Then we came back to New York," she added, "and last week we went to Greenwich, Conn., and were married all over again."

Friends learned she and McGovern had been engaged for almost two years.

#### First Pictures of Tokio Fire



Nippori, a suburb of Tokio, Japan, suffered a disastrous fire on March 18, the homes of more than 1,800 workmen being destroyed. These pictures show the fire while it was at its height.

#### New York Is Pictured as Modern Babylon

NEW YORK, April 23.—The fifty-first annual report of the New York Society for Suppressing Vice pictures New York as a modern Babylon, degraded below Berlin and Paris and blamed licentious ideas, distributed on stage and screen and by books.

#### SEATTLE FUR EXCHANGE HAS GOOD AUCTION

Buyers Gather from All Parts of United States—Sales Are Large.

SEATTLE, April 23.—Between \$250,000 and \$300,000 worth of furs were sold yesterday at the annual auction of the Seattle Fur Exchange. The sale was attended by buyers from New York, St. Louis, Montreal, Chicago and Pacific Coast points.

Seward Peninsula led on fox basis, ones and two interior being bought for \$25.

The best Alaskan average lot of mink brought \$15, and ordinary Yukon mink, average lot, brought from \$9.50 to \$10.

Average lots of Alaskan and British Columbia otter brought \$24 to \$25.

Ermine declined 10 per cent, the average price being \$1.75.

Alaskan muskrats brought from 80 cents to \$1.10.

Kamchatka sable, the best, sold for \$135 down to \$30.

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#### INDIANS BARRED BY HOUSE FROM LOCAL PENSIONS

Old Age Pension Bill Amended to Exclude Indians from Eligible List.

By an amendment offered by Jensen this morning to House Bill No. 23, the House adopting in, expressly shut out Indians from the old age pension laws. Jensen's amendment was adopted after Paul had sought to amend by excluding wards of the Federal government from the benefits of the Territorial pension system.

The amendment adopted is virtually identical with that incorporated into the mothers' pension bill by the House yesterday. It is claimed that it will be adequate to cope with the issue brought by the effort to bring Indians under both pension laws of the Territory.

The contention of Mr. Jensen, who presented the amendment, and his supporters, is to the effect that Alaskan Indians are treated as wards of the Government regardless of their actual legal status in that respect; that they are annually receiving education, both academic and industrial, medical and hospital care and treatment.

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#### TAXATION BILL REPORTED WITH REDUCED RATES

Salmon Schedules Restored to Existing Basis—Mix-up on Mine Rates.

The House Ways and Means Committee this morning brought in the general revenue measure, House Bill No. 76, this morning with the proposed increase in rates in red salmon packs stricken but still containing the increased mining schedule. The situation in regard to the latter is slightly peculiar as five members, or a majority, including Grant, Grier, Sherman, Sundquist and Watson, refused to concur in the mining schedule and signed a nonconcurring statement.

Bill Is Amended. The Committee amended the original bill in other respects. It struck out the clause that prohibited municipalities from levying additional license taxes on automobiles. It reduced the rate on midclure or salted red salmon from the existing 15 cent schedule per one hundred pounds to five cents. The restoration of the ten-cent rate on red salmon packs placed the entire canned salmon schedule on the same basis as at present. The Committee restored a license on undertakers but exempted undertakers doing business in the smaller communities. The license fee on traps was restored to \$200, being reduced from \$300 as originally proposed in Ross's bill.

Mining Only Raised. The mining schedule is the only one in which a boost over present rates is contained. It is estimated at from 14 to 16 per cent higher than the existing law. As reported in today the bill in this respect is somewhat complicated. Ordinarily when a measure is reported by the committee in charge it requires nine votes in the House to take out any particular section or to replace it with another. In the present instance, however, a majority of the committee was adverse to the raised mining schedule and did not concur in that section. This leaves it a nice question of procedure to be settled should a point of order, that it is not properly a part of the measure as it received only a minority vote of the committee, be raised. Chairman Ross contends that it is a part of the bill and will require nine votes to be eliminated or reduced.

The rate on mining incomes as carried by the bill is one per cent in excess of \$10,000 but not more than \$500,000, and two per cent on net incomes in excess of \$500,000. The 1923 schedule is one per cent on net incomes from \$10,000 to \$500,000; one and one-half per cent \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and one and three-quarters per cent on all net incomes in excess of that figure.

BULLETIN — GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 23.—The defense rested the case in the trial of Sen. Wheeler late this afternoon abandoning attempt to bring witnesses to contradict the Government's star witness, George P. Hayes, lawyer of New York City.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 23.—The trial of Senator B. K. Wheeler was suspended this afternoon when the defense ran out of witnesses.

The Government refused to stipulate telephone records of Washington that they did not show a call on March 13, of 1923, between Hayes and Edwin Booth, of the Interior Department.

Hayes testified recently that Booth called him up and arranged for a meeting with Wheeler.

Senator Wheeler, late yesterday, while on the stand, admitted the discussed one oil land permit with a Department of Interior official, Edwin H. Booth.

#### WHEELER CASE IS SUSPENDED; NO WITNESSES

Defense Unable to Proceed at Present—N. Y. Attorney Is Summoned.

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