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## SHOULD TRY MOODY

### Says Probe Committee.—Legislative News.

The special investigating committee of the Idaho legislature, appointed to probe alleged misuse of militia funds, filed its report Monday, recommending the trial of former state officials for the illegal and criminal use of state funds, and mentioning in connection therewith Moses Alexander, former governor, and Representative C. S. Moody, former adjutant general. The committee alleges that Alexander and Moody took advantage of war conditions to waste state funds under the excuse of "war necessity." The report charges that Moody traveled in all "81,927 miles in performance of his duties."

An appropriation bill carrying a total of \$2,143,000 for the state department of education and state institutions was introduced Monday by the appropriations committee.

On Feb. 20, refusal of the house of representatives to pass an amendment to the constitution to lengthen the term of office of its members to four years, efforts made to block a general county division enabling act to remove from the legislature the problem of creating additional new counties, the recommendation by the senate that there be created in Idaho a state constabulary and the introduction of a bill to create a state commission to legalize boxing were the outstanding moves in the legislature.

Bills passed by the legislature since Feb. 20 include:

S. J. M. 5.—Urging congress to pass a measure by Representative Burton L. French, granting to men who saw service in the great war and on the Mexican border the privilege of crediting the time of their service toward residence requirements in making homestead proofs.

S. C. R. 4.—Approving Governor Davis' proposal to create a cabinet composed of heads of departments appointed by him, and of state elective officers.

H. J. R. 6.—Providing for submitting to popular vote at the 1920 elections a constitutional amendment increasing the state supreme court from three members to five.

H. B. 59.—Forbidding the use of a foreign language in the public schools of the state except in actual language instruction.

H. B. 76.—Providing penalties for damage done to highways through livestock and other agencies.

House land settlement bill carrying an appropriation of \$100,000, for benefit of returned soldiers.

The senate rejected Adjutant General Moody's biennial report as incomplete and inaccurate. It cost \$1391.58 to get out the report.

One of the road bills passed and sent to the governor makes it optional with county commissioners to levy 25 cents for every \$100 of valuation for highway purposes.

Charging that the wheat price fixed by the law of supply and demand would be higher this year than the government guarantee and that this condition would have been true a year ago and would be for the next two years, Representative Hall on Saturday claimed the federal administration was making political capital out of its efforts to establish a fund of \$1,000,000,000 to protect the wheat price. Hall is a grain man and farmer and said he would take his chance on a big price for the commodity without the assistance of the government. He claimed the type of publicity being given placed the administration in the role of protector of the farmer was a bid for votes.

Feb. 25, the house passed senate

bill 68, by Nash and Nelson, by a vote of 42 to 17, changing the primary election system, so that county candidates will be nominated at direct primaries, and state candidates by state conventions of delegates selected at county conventions. The democrats voted against the measure. All the republicans voted for it except Bennett of Gooding.

## Idaho State News Items.

Friends in Boise have learned that Lieut. Ainslie Nugent, son of Senator and Mrs. John F. Nugent, who was brigaded with the British in Flanders, was badly gassed and is still in a precarious condition. He returned to this country some months ago and since then has been under the care of a John Hopkins hospital specialist. His eyes and stomach suffered especially from the effects of the gas.

According to information which has just been received in Boise, the 91st division, composed in part of Idaho troops, will embark on its return voyage to the United States not later than March 1. Trained at Camp Lewis, the 91st sailed for France in June, 1918; was in reserve throughout the St. Mihiel salient action, and performed exceptionally valiant service in the Argonne forest.

A strike of 80 men at Humbird camp No. 10, near Priest River, was averted when Sheriff Spoor and deputies appeared on the scene, arrested J. B. Bryan, an active I. W. W. organizer, and gave the men in the camp to understand that they would be protected in their rights if they declined to become I. W. W. members.

Buman, Russell and Comer Hudlow, brothers, were arrested last week by Deputy Game Warden James McBride for fishing for whitefish in Bottle bay, Pend d'Oreille lake, without paying the state's license of \$10 for commercial fishing. The men claimed the right to fish under ex-Governor Alexander's proclamation allowing fishermen to seín and fish the waters of the state without payment of the commercial license. The proclamation was made as a war measure and a recent decision of the attorney general's office held that the proclamation was without effect now that the war is over.

## Income Taxes Due March 15.

Washington, D. C.—Work on the collection of \$6,000,000,000 has been begun by the bureau of internal revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Heavy penalties are prescribed for fraudulent return, failure to make return promptly and failure to pay tax on time.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child". The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$1,000 of net income above the

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## SEND ME THE BILL



## OPPOSES TAX REFUND

### North Idaho Congressman Is Keeping Busy.

Washington, D. C.—Congressman French of Idaho has filed a minority report from the committee on war claims in the house against a bill ordered to be favorably reported by the majority members of the committee appropriating more than sixty-eight millions of dollars from the treasury to pay to the southern states as a refund of the cotton taxes collected during the civil war period.

Mr. French, in his report, denies that the tax was unconstitutional and asserts that it was part of a system of taxation that was reasonably fair to the whole country; that while cotton was taxed, so was petroleum, hides, and cattle, salt, and mineral water, and a multitude of articles produced in the north. He urges that there can be no reason for the federal government refunding this vast amount of money to the states of the south, from either the standpoint of law, or from the standpoint of injustice in the operation of the tax.

Congressman Burton L. French has obtained favorable action in the lower house of congress on two bills correcting injustice done homesteaders on the Nez Perce Indian reservation.

Clarence Hazelbaker was granted 80 acres of land in lieu of 80 acres that he was permitted to acquire as a homestead, spend hundreds or thousands of dollars upon in making improvements and receive patent only to discover later that the land had been patented to an Indian years before.

Oliver P. Pring, of Lewiston, was granted 160 acres of land in lieu of a similar error of the interior department, in that the department had previously patented land to an Indian under allotment.

Major Herbert C. Fooks, formerly commandant at the University of Idaho, and who in November was reported as having been killed in battle, has reached Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., and called Congressman French, informing him that the report of his death was much exaggerated.

When Mr. French saw Major Fooks a little later, he discovered that he is very much alive and while he was

badly wounded, he is now well on the road to recovery and is in excellent health. His injuries consisted of a bullet wound on the back of the hand and several days later a bullet wound on the lower jaw.

Among the other Idaho boys who are convalescent at the Walter Reed hospital are Cameron McEchren of Coeur d'Alene, Private McMurdy of Idaho Falls and Dewey Huggard of Boise.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY

### POST FALLS

Joe Travis has been discharged from the army.

Mrs. Martha Bennett was called to Rathdrum recently by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Satchwell.

Ben Lindberg returned from Seattle, having received an honorable discharge from the navy.

M. C. Staples of East Greenacres intends moving to southern Idaho.

County Commissioner McCrea says that we are due for some big taxes if the legislature passes a law for two mills state road tax and two and a half mills special county road tax.

Francis M. Cox died Feb. 20, at the age of 79. He leaves his widow and several children. The family came to Post Falls 18 years ago.

The Post Falls high school basketball team played at Coeur d'Alene last Friday evening.

W. E. Morris, who has been renting the Amos Foster place, has purchased the M. C. Staples 5-acre tract, and the Pauline Staples tract, East Greenacres, and will make it his home.

### HARRISON

George Carlisle, field deputy assessor was assessing the Harrison mills last week.

Wm. Reynolds, an employe on the steamer Harrison was held up one night and robbed of 50 cents by a man who stepped from behind a box car with a revolver.

The commercial club met Monday to ascertain amount of road funds available for this district and to lay plans for work on the state highway.

### SPIRIT LAKE

Ensign Kirk Prindle, recently of the naval aviation service, is at home and will remain on the Prindle ranch during the summer.

Mrs. E. W. Marshall, who has been very ill two months with heart

## NEW PRODUCTS LAW

### Grading Required for Shipment Out of State.

H. B. 104, by committee on warehouse, grains, grading and dealing, became a law Feb. 20. It provides as follows for sale of graded and ungraded products:

"Whenever any standard for the grade or other classification of any farm product becomes effective under this article, no person thereof shall pack for sale, offer to sell or sell within this state any such farm product to which such standard is applicable unless it conforms to the standard, subject to such reasonable variations therefrom as may be allowed in the rules and regulations made under this article: Provided, that any farm product may be packed for sale, offered for sale or sold without conformity to the standard or grade or other classification applicable thereto when such product will be consumed or used for manufacturing purposes wholly within this state, if it is not specifically described as state graded or packed under state standard, in accordance with such regulations as the director may prescribe."

Miles Cannon, state director of farm markets, explains that "inspections, grades, rules and regulations will be in accordance with rules of grading throughout the United States, the purpose being to put the Idaho farm products upon a commercial basis."

trouble, has gone to Neillsville, Wis. Sae is a sister of Mrs. C. B. Klopff.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Car-men gave their first annual dance last Friday night.

Local No. 97 of the 4L's met at Assembly Hall and discussed the matter of alien membership. The feeling was strong that the Pan-handle Lumber employes be one hundred per cent American. It was carried unanimously. All aliens were given 30 days in which to get their papers.

### COEUR D'ALENE

Regool C. Scott, private in the U. S. army of occupation, has been awarded the distinguished service cross for acts of extraordinary heroism. He is a brother of G. R. Scott, editor of the Press, and was publisher of the Ione Record before he was drafted into military service. He was wounded in the Argonne battle.

Wm. Chilstrom is suffering with a fractured collar bone, severe shock and other injuries, as the result of falling a distance of thirty feet through a plate of corrugated iron roofing on the rear porch of the Graham post office building, from which he was shoveling snow.

Earl L. Cook, lieutenant in the U. S. army, has been assigned to the University of Oregon as professor of military science. He has been serving at the U. of I.

Coeur d'Alene high school defeated Post Falls last Friday night on the high school gymnasium floor. The final score was 67 to 17. The "Pickles" team defeated the Post Falls second contingent by a score of 30 to 16.

Captain F. A. Jeter is home from France.